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May 1st, 2013

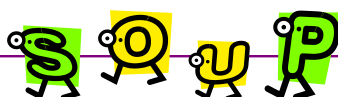
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Happy Spring!

As I write this, it is snowing, and I with many others wonder, will spring ever come!? During the glimpses of warm weather we have had, it is great to see the kids and adults out biking and walking. Please keep your eye out for kids playing on our streets. With being cooped up all winter the little ones are running around like escaped monkeys. Parents, please remind the kiddies to be careful when playing outdoors. Let's keep our children safe. Watch for details on the Summer Playground Program coming to Birch Hills and Weldon again this July/August.

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director



ALPHABET

IN MOTION

Bookmates Alphabet Soup in Motion is a six week program developed for parents (caregivers) and their preschool children (ages 2-5yrs) focusing on active play, literacy and family eating principles.

Together they will participate in active rhymes, songs and activities such as sharing books, yoga poses, body movements, and creating and eating snacks for 2 hrs each week.

There is limited space, so book NOW!

May 7, 14, 21, 28, Jun 4, 11 (tuesdays)
At the Daycare 6:00- 8:00pm FREE!!

Hosted by Regional Kidsfirst, Terri Morgan and Michelle Davidson

Only 10 spots available Register NOW!
Contact tmorgan.kidsfirst@gmail.com

Movie Night at

Birch Hills Lutheran Church
Saturday, May 4th
7:30pm
"Life of Pi"



Fox 2000 presents:
"Embark on the adventure of a lifetime in this visual masterpiece from Oscar winner Ang Lee, based on the best selling novel. After a cataclysmic shipwreck, young Pi Patel finds himself stranded on a lifeboat with only one survivor- a ferocious Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. Bound by the need to survive, the two are cast on an epic journey that must be seen to be believed." (123 minutes)
MPAA Rating - PG

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Correction: Last paper was sponsored by Marie Lypchuk Family (not Darlene Walker Family)



Annual Seed and Soil Service

at St Saviour's Anglican Church, (out Hagen Hwy)

Sunday, May 26, at 2pm
All our Welcome

FREE CHILD CAR SEAT INSPECTION CLINIC

Tuesday, May 7th, 2013
9:30 - 3:30, rain or shine
Birch Hills health Centre
Parking Lot

For Prenatal and Up!

Appointments: Call PA
Public Health @ 306-765-6510



This clinic is by appointment, to inspect infant/child car seats and their installation and education around this safety issue.

MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH



May 12, 2013
10:30-12:30pm
@ Crystal Springs Hall

\$10 adults

\$5 kids 6-12yrs,
Preschool Free

Birch Hills Council News

Wed. April 24, 2013 All council present

The meeting was called for 7 pm to have council and staff pictures taken for the new website

Lee-Ann Hood and Mary Anne Hovdebo representing the Birch hills Library Board spoke to council about their new challenges at the Library with programs and time being cut, thanking the Town and RM for their continuing support.

Correspondence

- *Community Planning regarding Proposed Parcel H
- *Shannon Simpso - Approval for a sidewalk café and deck area at the Clay Oven Café
- * Shannon Simpso - Information for a Sign Corridor
- * Mary Miller Request for information
- * A report from ATAP following their site visit at the Water Treatment Plant

Old Business

- *Treatment plant and Reservoir pump issues were discussed
- *Purchase of a small tractor
- * Labour Standards were discussed

New Business

- *Bylaw#5/13 - Provide Minimum Tax and Mill Rate Factor
- * Purchase a Hach DR890 Colorimeter for the Water Treatment Plant
- * A need to update the Telephone system in the office and Council Chambers
- * Town Council received information regarding JRPM and encourages the "June is Recreation & Parks Month Celebrations" follow up will happen after the Rec. Board AGM on Tues. April 30, 2013.

Submitted by Mayor, Shirley Ulvild

KIDS SUMMER SPORT CAMPS: Last year one day basic instruction classes were held for Football, Canoe/Kayak, Lacrosse and Archery. There are opportunities again this year for funding through Lakeland District Culture, Sport & Recreation. I need to know what interests are out there for recreation activities. You name it, we may be able to do it! Contact Laurie birchhillsrec@sasktel.net. ASK YOUR KIDS TODAY!!



ATTENTION FARMERS

PLEASE CALL (306) 953-4284 FOR CONTROL BURNS CALL BEFORE YOU START WITH THE LAND LOCATION. CALL ONCE THE BURN IS COMPLETED TO ADVISE YOU ARE DONE

This will make sure you don't get a fire call when someone phones 911 about a fire. If you haven't called the Control Burn number and the Fire Department gets called out, it is a \$500.00 minimum charge. Thank you..... Birch Hills Fire Department, Town and Rural Municipality

St Mary's/St Anne's Joint Church BBQ

Wednesday May 29, 2013

At corner of McCallum

Avenue and 3rd

5:00-7:00pm

take out/delivery available

749-2223



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Friend or Email
your request to
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news letter
online



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

Discussion & Plans for Communities in Bloom, Community Garden, Resident Surveys, Spring Clean up, Fenced Dog Run Park, Native Summer Games, Garage Sale Day; including Buskers, Street Dance and looking for other ideas as well.... ANYONE IS WELCOME

Next meeting in Council Chambers on
Tuesday, May 21 @ 7:30pm (ends 9pm sharp)

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN BIRCH HILLS



The TLC Daycare Inc. is looking for full-time and/or casual employees at this time.

We are seeking individuals who meet the following qualification/ requirements

- * Completion of Early Childhood Education diploma (or at least the desire to work towards it)
- * Experience working in an integrated daycare for at least one year
- * Demonstrate strong interpersonal and public relation skills
- * Demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills,
- * Excellent organizational skills
- * Expresses concerns for health, safety, and the environmental surroundings
- * Has the ability to work effectively with kids of all ages and most importantly
- * Seeks to provide quality child care.

Those interested are encouraged to send in covering letters and their resumes ASAP to

tlcdaycare@sasktel.net or mail in applications to:

120 McCallum Avenue, Birch Hills, SK.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director at 306-749-2441.

BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY SPRING GALA 2013

Award-winning journalists/nature photographers, Arlene and Robin Karpan of Saskatoon were guest presenters at the Library's Spring Gala Fundraiser on April 11th. They showcased their latest publication "The Great Saskatchewan Bucket List" and with their amazing photography took us on a visual journey of the 50 unforgettable natural wonders in our province. They exemplified that Saskatchewan is truly a nature lover's paradise and that we should take every opportunity possible to travel, explore, marvel, and enjoy.

The Birch Hills Library Board thanks the following donors of door prizes and their contribution to the success of the evening: Birch Hills Coop, Clay Oven, Quayle Pharmacy, Joan Budnick, Marlene Hovdebo, Shirley Lowe, Robin & Arlene Karpan, Margo Opseth, Michelle McBride,

The Board also thanks everyone who supported the Library by their attendance and purchase of raffle tickets. Our congratulations go the raffle winners of the summer and winter Getaways to the Hawood Inn at Waskesiu: Joan Budnick, and Beth Rude. It is the hope of the Birch Hills Library Board that they will experience some of nature's wonders during their visit at Prince Albert National Park.

Day Devoted to Food Grains Bank

The Meiers' Family Quartet of Star City put on a fantastic concert of music at the Glad Tidings Tabernacle in Birch Hills on Sunday at both the morning and evening services.

The whole day was dedicated to the support of the food grains grow project in Birch Hills.

Dave Meier had a short presentation on the need for food to feed the hungry in Kenya. There are also many other parts of the world that experience this need for food and face starvation everyday.

Grant Getz has been the co-ordinator of the project but has now turned it over to Steven Tomtene. The crop this year will be oats and Tomtene Seeds will donate the seed, do the sowing and the combining. Gordon Fossen will donate the pre seeding cultivation and Steven Adams will do the spraying. Viterra has donated one half of the fertilizer needed.

A huge thanks goes out to all that have given of their time and money in the past to make this project possible.

The donations for the day totalling \$5,160. CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) will match that 4-1 and so we can multiply the figure by five to get the amount that will be used to help those in need.

Since the project began eight years ago in Birch Hills the money raised (not counting this year) has been \$276,473.50 - multiply by five thanks to CIDA and I believe we can be very thankful that we have such a generous community which includes the surrounding towns and farming areas.

The Food Grains Project has a contract with CIDA for two and a half more years for the 4-1 match after which the hope is that Foreign Affairs will also keep the match going.

Thanks to Glad Tidings Tabernacle for hosting the day and thanks to all who came to make the day such a success and a special thanks to the Meiers Quartet for the lovely concert.

By Mae Lima, Melfort Journal

FLUTE and FIDDLE EVENTS

Fri, May 31

Constant Reminder Concert

7:00pm Tickets are \$20



Check out www.fluteandfiddle.ca for more info

NOTICE: Due to the Heartbeat now being printed in Prince Albert, the deadlines for submissions for the newsletter advertisements must be in writing by the 10th & 25th of each month. I can not promise late submissions will be entered into the newsletter if not received by these dates. Thank you for your cooperation and information, without it, there is no paper!

Send entries to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Laurie Berube

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!



SOUP FOR SENIORS BBQ WIND UP

Saturday, May 18th, 2013

11am-1pm at the Seniors Hall

All seniors are welcome. Free of charge

Contact Judy Bati for more information



ADULT SLOW PITCH LEAGUE

July / August. Days to be determined (Tues or Wed)

Individuals or teams register with the Rec Dept. Out of town teams welcome. No "A"-league

teams please. Last year we had 4 teams, we would like to have 6 this year. Contact Laurie for more details

Cost is \$250/team

Drop in will start in June (Thurs or Fri)



GOLF CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

"One of the best courses around!", "Very nice little course, definitely be back."....these are just a couple of the many, many comments and compliments that we get about the Birch Hills Golf Course. We have people from here at home and all over coming here to play. It has gone through several changes over the years, going from artificial turf greens to the real thing.

Now it's time for our next big improvement. Our current clubhouse was once the Winton school, so I guesstimate it to have been built in 30's, 40's or maybe even earlier. It has had additions, renovations and is at the point now that it is more economical to replace than to continue to repair.

It's encouraging to find considerable interest in our community regarding the construction of a new clubhouse for our golf course. At the annual golf club meeting the topic of a clubhouse was discussed.

The need to keep our public informed is vital.

At the present time a few floor plans have been submitted and forwarded, for more detail drawings (to a volunteer). We hope to see these plans submitted to our golf board for consideration in the near future. Once these have been looked at and generally approved by the board, they will be submitted for blue printing. It is our hope to have this in place for this fall.

Interest has been shown in donating to our cause. Donations have been received. We are certainly seeking your help in this matter. To facilitate issuing receipts for tax base purposes, we are asking that you make donations to the Town of Birch Hills, designating them to the clubhouse fund.

Clubhouse details and general design will be of a nature our club can afford. We are looking at a single story building with an 1800 to 2000 square feet area. I know a log construction is being considered, as one option. (A building that isn't heated all year round will have to stand up to temperature extremes inside and out.) If you any concerns or questions or ideas please contact Iris Fjeld, Doug Rutherford, Art Barth, or a member of the golf club board.

Our greens have had the snow removed and we are patiently waiting for warm weather.

Submitted by Iris Fjeld, Golf Board President



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

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

TUESDAY

Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665

Library Open 12-4pm and 5-8pm

Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm

Sparks 6-7pm / Brownies 6-7:30 Contact Audrey 749-2217

Awana for kids Ages Kind-Gr 6 6:45-8:30. 749-3185 or www.lakepark.ca

Crystal Springs Bingo 7:30pm



WEDNESDAY



Line Dancing all welcome 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

Girl Guides 6:30-8pm Contact Audrey 749-2217

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

Badminton \$2 at school gym Drop In All welcome **ONLY A FEW LEFT**

THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364

Library Open 12 - 4:30pm

Pathfinders 6:30-8pm Contact Audrey 749-2217

Salsa CANCELLED avail in Kinistino Mon/Thurs 7pm @ Anglican Church



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

Flute and Fiddle Open Jam 7-12am All Welcome

SUNDAY

Badminton \$2 at school gym Drop In All welcome **ONLY A FEW LEFT**

If you have something to add to this list, contact Laurie at 749-7451

WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11am

Birch Hills Lutheran Church @ 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am

Birch Hills United Church @ 428 Bellamy Ave 11:30am
(2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)

Glad Tidings Tabernacle (Pentecostal) @ 101 4th St 11am

Lake Park Baptist Church @ Hwy 3 11am

Saron Lutheran Church near Hagen 9:30am

St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9am

St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:30am

SPRA has declared June is Recreation
& Parks Month

Birch Hills will Celebrate our Parks

June 15th, 2013

@ Lions Club Ball Diamonds

Register for **Slow Pitch Tournament**
Individuals or teams to contact Tyler
Tilford 306-960-9744 or Laurie 306-
749-7451. Cost is \$20 /person
The Summer Playground Program
Leaders will have **free & fun activities**
for the kids at the park.



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

Annual Spaghetti Supper

June 1st...watch for details

'Like' our facebook
page to get activity
updates. Feel free to
add your own event or activity info
'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'



Other Local pages:

Birch Hills Bargain Basement, Birch
Hills Mamas, Birch Hills Dance Cen-
tre, Birch Hills Blackhawks, Birch Hills
Sportsground Upgrade, General Quar-
ters Paintball, Birch Hills Community
Garden, Birch Hills Sno-Posse, Clay
Oven Café, Birch Hills Co-op, Partie
Perks Rental Studio, KG Bar & Grill

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

Birch Hills & District Recreation

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E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Text or call cell: 306-749-7451
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,
...grow together!

DANCE COMPETITION *Review*

At the Rose Valley Dance Mania competition this past week-end, Birch Hills dancers brought home 23 gold medals, 12 silver medals and 6 bronze medals. Amber Sansone was awarded \$25 for outstanding Solo 13 and Over in the Hip Hop category, Kylie Manson was awarded \$25 for Outstanding Solo All Ages in the Musical Theatre category, Amber Sansone and Kylie Manson were awarded \$50 for Outstanding Duet All Ages in the Hip Hop Category, Lead Me Back was awarded \$75 for Outstanding Group All Ages in Lyrical Jazz, Amber Sansone was awarded \$25 for Outstanding Choreography, any style for her Hip Hop solo, Jennifer Maczek was awarded \$75 for Outstanding Choreography, any style for the Musical theatre duet for Jovanna Hoey and Kaelan McDougall. Kayla Doderai was presented with a scholarship for Most Promising Performer 15 & Over doing 3 or more solos and Kylie Manson was presented with a scholarship for the Most Entertaining Dancer 13 and Over. Download was awarded \$125 for Outstanding Large Group all ages in the Hip Hop Category.

Submitted by Mary Mohn

BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE CORNER

2013 GOLF COURSE BOARD MEMBERS are

Iris Fjeld, President, Jamie Tilford, Vice President
Jordon Carrier, Secretary Ray Stangeland,
Dale Pratt, Gord Cochrane, Tyler Cochrane, Milt Taylor

Thank you to Bill Yeaman and Larry Strand for your dedication to the board in previous years.



Welcome Back Ethel Rutherford as Clubhouse Manager and Welcome to Doug Rutherford as the new Golf Course Manager

2013 Golf Rates

Adult Member-ship \$500
Jr Mem \$120
Family \$950

9 Holes \$18
18 Holes \$32
10 packs \$160

Cart Storage & Fees inquire at clubhouse

Mondays 2 for 1 green fees

Coverall Tent & BBQ Rentals available \$80

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

May TBA - Minor Ball Begins
4 - Life of Pi movie night
7 - Alphabet Soup in Motion starts
- Car Seat Inspection (by appointment)
12 - Mothers Day Brunch in Crystal Springs
18 - BBQ Spring Windup for Seniors
21 - Community Booster Mtg
22 - Earth Day /Seed Planting
26 - Annual Seed & Soil Church Srvc
29 - Joint Church BBQ
June 1 - Birch Hills Garage Sale Day
- Lions Club Spaghetti Supper
2 - RYSC Youth Sneaker Drop
- Affinity CU BBQ (TBA)
21-23 - RM of St Louis Centennial Celebration
15 - JPRM - Family Field day
22 - Town vs Country Golf Tourney
- Beauties Evening Dance
July 12-14 Prov PeeWeeC Girls Championships
16-18 First Nations Summer Games (Ball)
20 - 3rd Annual Veterans Mem Golf Tourney
Aug 11 - Threshing Day
Sep 27-29 Sask Culture Days

ATTENTION GARDENERS!

Rent a Garden Spot (In the lot beside the post office)
Only \$20/plot

Benefits to Individuals Families, and 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



Contact Ann Woods for more info 749-3237
Join the 'Community Garden' Facebook Page

