

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

**June 1st, 2015**

**Issue 95**



Hello Everyone

I would like to say it is so great to see families using the new playground at the sports grounds. The spot was chosen for good reasons, with Minor and Adult ball activities, the Summer Playground Program, Campers, and ideal place for picnics, family gatherings, etc.

Currently, walking or Biking to the area is not perfectly ideal and plans are being discussed for safer access ways besides the highway. In the meantime, drivers please keep watch of your speed and pedestrians on the road. Those heading out to the park, please stay to one side and adults please remind kids to do the same.

June 6th promises to be a busy and great day for our community. Welcome to visitors and I hope you enjoy your time in Birch Hills.

*Laurie Berube, Rec Director*



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

## Birch Hills Minor Sports AGM

Tuesday, June 2nd

7:00pm @ the Skating Arena

Positions whose terms have ended and are available

Vice President,

Director of Ball

Director of Hockey

Treasurer

Secretary

If you are interested in keeping hockey and/or ball programs in BH, please consider getting involved.



## Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre

1st Sun of each month

Next Service

**June 7th 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message.

All are Welcome

Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235



## Klassic Kruisers Kar Klub

is coming to

Birchview Home for our Father's Day celebration.

Saturday, June 13

2:30 - 4:00pm

Come out and check out some old cars.



## Birch Hills & District Lions Club

### Famous Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction

Saturday June 6, 2015

Birch Hills Civic Centre

5:30 - Cocktails

6:00 - Supper Silent Auction to Follow

Adults - \$10.00 Students 6 - 12- \$6.00

5 and Under - FREE. Takeout available for in town delivery. Get your advanced tickets from any Birch Hills Lions Members. Proceeds go to fund various projects of the Birch Hills Lions Club



## June is Parks & Recreation Month JPRM

Sunday, June 14th

Join us in the Lions Club Ball Park

(Sportsground) for some Family Fun, Games and BBQ.

12:30 - 3:00 pm

SPRA is funding this day and we will have a Kick Off to our Summer Playground Program. We welcome back Brittany Larson, Carlee Opseth and Taylor Mitchell as your 2015 playground leaders. We also thank and welcome back last seasons #1 volunteers, Ally Bzdel and Aiden Yurkowski, playground helpers.



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## The Birch Hills Summer Playground Program



We have almost reached our goal for donations for the nutrition snacks and t-shirts for the program this summer!!YAY  
Thank you very much to those that have already contributed to this years program so far.

*Tax receipts can be issued.* Write cheques to 'Town of Birch Hills' and mail to Box 280. Contact me at the Rec Office for more info. 749-7451

We could certainly charge a small fee but it is great to be able to keep our program free and easily accessible for all children visiting or living in our community.

Thank you for your support! Laurie, Rec Dir  
c/o Summer Playground Program

## LAKEPARK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

### LINK UNION concert

Thursday, June 18th  
7pm at Lake Park Baptist Church.  
Free Will Offering

## BIRCH HILLS MINOR BALL



Mite Boys	Mon, June 1st
Mite Girls	Tues, June 2nd
Squirt Girls	Wed, June 3rd
PBM Girls	Thurs, June 4th
PBM Girls	Thurs, June 11th
Mite Boys	Mon, June 15th
Mite Boys	Wed, June 17th
Mite Girls	Thurs, June 18th
Games start 6:30pm	

Learn to Play Mons & Weds

## Thank you to our 2015 Minor Ball Coaches

Mite Boys Coach, Heather Larose

Mite Girls Coach, Jennifer Braaten

Squirt Girls Coach, Jody Mickelson & Anna Devenis

PW/Ban/Mid Coach, Jeff Page

Learn To Play is designed for parents to help at the different learning stations. Thanks to all parents that are helping to coach our future players.

Special thanks to Kathy Arnestad for organizing ball in Birch Hills.



## BIRCH HILLS DANCE CENTRE NEWS

Summer Dance Camp is set for August 25, 26, 27.  
Early Bird deadline is June 30, 2015.

## LIVE AUCTIONS:

Norseman Construction, M.Braaten  
Bev & Maxine Cromartie

Thursday, June 11 10am  
Wednesday, July 22nd 11am

## FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS



June 6th - 10-2pm Trade Fair during Garage Sale Day

Serving BBQ Sausage Subs & Stuffed Potatoes for lunch

@ 9:00pm Karaoke with Grambo Bros No Cover Charge  
(Erin Hill Concert Cancelled)



June 13th - Happy Birthday Diana Ganes (open to public from 8pm -12am)

Effective June 1, our liquor license is changing. All those 18 year of age and younger are welcome to attend until 8pm. (excluding performers)  
Watch for expanded hours and new menu selections and events.

## Open Mic & Karaoke Friday Night Hosts in June

June 5 - Lea Swenson

June 12 - Rod Gjerde

June 19 - Kerri English & Fiddle Students

June 26 - TD Christopher

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## 2015 Birch Hills & District Recreation Board Members

Chairperson: Keith Matheson  
Shannon Vey, VP / Rink Board Rep  
Tyler Cochrane, Rink /Town Rep  
John Herd,  
Rink/Town Rep Alternate  
Stewart Adams, Golf Board Rep  
Steve Adams, RM Council Rep  
Kyle Jensen, RM Council Rep Alt  
Ian Pryznyk, Curling Rink Rep  
Kathy Evans, Skatepark Rep  
Gord Hood, Sportsgrounds Rep  
Shirley Ulvild, Member at Large

Thank you to all present and past board rep members Dale Pratt and Gord Cochrane for donating of your time and efforts to keep Rec activities happening in Birch Hills.

You are invited to attend any Recreation Board meetings. Please contact Rec Office for more info.

Next Meeting

June 29th 7pm @ museum

**TOWN NOTICE: To all residents of Birch Hills**

Birch Hills currently has a nuisance abatement bylaw in place to provide an efficient and effective means of regulating and encouraging the abatement of unsightly premises and other nuisances within the town of Birch Hills.

The intentions of this bylaw are to provide for the safety, health, and welfare of the people in the neighborhood; people's use and enjoyment of their property; or the amenity of a neighborhood.

Town Council would like to inform residents of our intent to begin enforcement of violations beginning July 1, 2015.

This will allow for cleanup of nuisance properties until this date.

Examples of potential offences listed within the bylaw are as follows:

Dilapidated buildings, overgrown grass and weeds, untidy properties, junked vehicles, trailers unhooked from vehicles, refrigerators and freezers, outdoor storage of materials, unoccupied buildings, and maintenance of yards.

If you require further details of this bylaw, please contact, or visit the town office.

Thank you, Town of Birch Hills Council

Please join us for a Bridal Shower  
honoring

*Michelle Gjesdal*

Sunday, June 21, 2015

At 2:00pm

at Birch Hills Lutheran Church

All Ladies Welcome



**ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES**

Year round Outdoor advertising at the Birch Hills Ball Diamonds

Golf Card logos (ordering for future, 2016 & 2017)

Skating Arena Ice Boards, Ice Logos or Arena Wall

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Contact Rec Office to reserve spots or for more info 749-7451.

**SYTTENDE MAI FEST**

by Beth Rude

The seventeenth of May (Syttende Mai) is Norway's Constitution Day. It is a National Holiday in Norway celebrating the day in 1814 when Norwegians first adopted their own constitution. Full independence was gained in 1905.

In our area where there are many people who are descendants of immigrants from Scandinavia we feel a need to keep the celebration alive.

The Homemaker's Club of Northern Light District first sponsored a Norwegian Constitution Day program on May 17, 1970. The response was so big that they felt it had to be an annual affair, but it was too large for them to handle. They contacted other Scandinavians and after lots of telephone calls a meeting was held at T.K. Tomtene's home on April 1, 1971. There the SCANDIA CLUB was formed.

The first "SYTTENDE MAI FEST" was held May 17, 1971 in the Birch Hills Civic Center. Over 600 attended and found the place much too small. In subsequent years the event alternated between the Birch Hills School Gym and the Weldon Auditorium.

Traditionally the program consisted of singing the two national anthems- 'O CANADA' and 'JA VI ELSKER', a child's flag drill (with Norwegian costumes), display of bunads and other Scandinavian costumes, devotions, musical numbers, readings and perhaps a speaker. People came from a wide area of Saskatchewan and from out of province. At the close of the program table grace was sung and the audience filed past long tables loaded with lefsa, krum kake, open face sandwiches, rosettes, and many other goodies-and of course lots of coffee.

My first experience attending SYTTENDE MAI FEST was as a "non- Norwegian" wife of a "proud Scandinavian". I was a bit nervous but soon found out everyone there was either Norwegian or wished they were. At one of the celebrations there was a sale of Scandinavian articles before the program and I bought some large (22"x30") poster-type lithographs of "trolls". I later had the posters framed and decorated with hand-painted rosmalling. They are now a family treasure. In later years I helped with the children's flag drill and we learned to count to ten in Norwegian and try to sing the Norwegian anthem. One year, when I was teaching some music in the school, my ukulele class was invited to play at the Mai Fest in Weldon. We sang, and strummed, and picked, and were well received, so we felt quite proud of ourselves.

The SYTTENDE MAI FEST has been an important part of our community life and has made "Birch Hills" known far & wide. Much work has been done by many to present the programs & many have found great pleasure at attending. **HERE ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE HELPING WITH THE 1990 PROGRAM**

Sven Berg, Harold Field, Alf Gunderson, Pastor Arnold Borch, Olive Stangeland, Sigrid Hope, Pastor Arnod Hagen, Mark Hagen, Mrs. Elizabeth Hudsmith, (consul of Norway for Saskatchewan) Leo Johnson, Carol Birkland, Hagen Valsene, Kristina Valsen, Peter Jensen

It was said that 2015 would be the last SYTTENDE MAI FEST; but Brancepeth has showed us that this is a SPECIAL CELEBRATION that can be changed but NOT FORGOTTEN.

Let's all pitch in and support SYDTTENDE MAI FEST 2016!!



## June 6, 2015 – Garage Sale Days



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by the Town Council  
@ Civic Center 7:30-9:00am

Pancakes, sausage, eggs and all the trimmings

Come check out new Civic Center Renos

CK750/CJVR AM RADIO

Live on Location



### LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Books and Homemade pies, cupcakes & cookies  
8am to Noon @ Civic Center

### BIRCH HILLS COOP QUAYLES PHARMACY TRADE SHOW

@ the Flute and Fiddle

10:00am – 2:00pm

### GENERAL QUARTERS PAINTBALL

Corner of 4th and McCallum Ave



### LUNCH TIME Downtown

\*Clay Oven – Pizza Slice/Drink/Muffin \$6 till 3pm

\* RYSC Youth BBQ – 10-1:30pm

\* Flute and Fiddle BBQ – 11-2pm

\* Wongs Chinese & Canadian Cuisine



### Garage Sales All over Town

Grab a table, tail gate or garage, pin up balloons,  
and set up your items to sell anywhere you can in town.

Out of town vendors & visitors welcome

Watch for list of addresses on Facebook. Feel free to post.

Street Entertainers downtown

HAPPY TREASURE HUNTING

**CLOTHING WANTED** Birch Hills United Church Women are again accepting donations of gently used spring and summer clothing for women and children for the Women's Shelter in Prince Albert.

Swim suits are especially needed as well as pocket calendars and notepads. Items may be dropped off at the back door of the Lutheran church on Wednesday mornings until June 10.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Birch Hills Public Library is looking for a **SUMMER CRAFT LEADER**. Must be a Grade 10-12 student, Minimum wage. 6 Tuesday evenings during the summer break. Duties include planning and supervising craft nights.



Posting closes June 10, 2015.

Please submit resumes to the BH Library

### BIRCHVIEW UPCOMING EVENTS

Come join us 2:30-3:30 on

June 10 – Cudworth Cowboys

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day- Kruisers Car Show

June 17<sup>th</sup> – The Job Mates Band

June 22 – The Gramps

June 30– Canada Celebration with Larry Strand

### BIRCH HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

June 10<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony 7:00pm

June 11<sup>th</sup> Graduation Celebration BBQ 1pm

June 12<sup>th</sup> PLC Day

June 18<sup>th</sup> Gr 3 Field Trip to Batoche

June 19<sup>th</sup> Gr 4 Field Trip to Fort Carlton

June 26<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day!!

### BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING PROGRAM.

Because of the great support from Organizations, Businesses, several members of this community, staff and student team members, the SLC team, and our school administration team – we have had a growing and effective Breakfast for Learning program for the 2014 – 15 school year. This May we are able to begin serving a breakfast snack or meal four days a week! Without the continued support of every contribution – time, monetary donations, baking, purchases for everything from spoons to napkins, cheese and bacon, we could not continue this wonderful program.

For next year we will again be looking for community members who would like to help out...even if you can come in ONCE per year, your help is greatly appreciated.

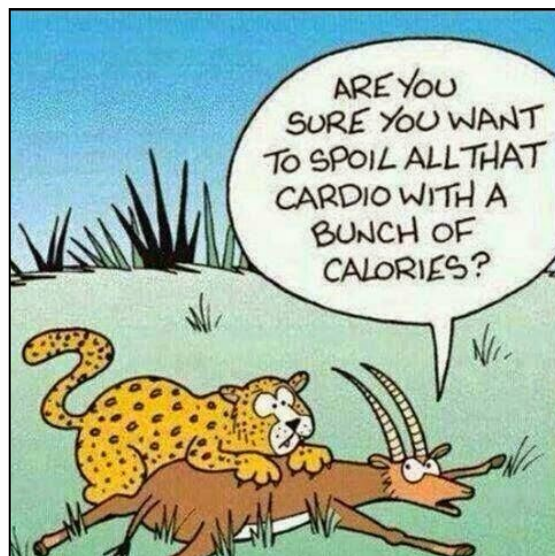
With much thanks, Bev A Hunter and the BFL team.



### BOUQUET OF THANKS

A big thank you to everyone that supported the Vesey's Flower Bulb sale for the school. The kids sold over \$10,000 dollars worth of bulbs, which means the school received just over \$5,000 for the playground fund. Just think how beautiful Birch Hills will be with that many more flowers? Your support is greatly appreciated.

Jenny Riviere



The Birch Hills Beauties are pleased to donate \$6800.00 to the Birch Hills School Playground Fund. Thank you to all that came out and supported our Hypnotist Night.

A huge thank you to Scotia Bank - Kinistino for matching our ticket sales and the Birch Hills Coop for donating the ice.

### Tulips & Windmills Viking River Cruise

April 14 - 24, 2016

Holland & Belgium with Keukenhof Gardens in bloom

Discounts up to \$1200, before June 30/15 limited cabins

Call L.A. Tours Inc 306-749-3521



Slow Pitch Season is coming.



If you are interested in playing in a fun Adult Wed Night League this summer, contact Laurie, Rec Office if you have a team or you would like to be on a team. [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) All levels & outside teams welcome

### Birch Hills Ladies Golf Club

Hosting



### LADIES NIGHT OUT -

Golf & Appetizers  
Wednesday, June 24th  
Meet at 5:30pm...

Golf at 6:00pm  
\$25/non member,  
\$5 members

Beginners Welcome

**COMING SOON THIS SUMMER... Watch for details :**  
**The Birch Hills Library Reading Program**  
**Boredom Bustin' (Wednesday Nights for youth)**  
**Playground Program Mon-Fri 1-3pm Starting June 29**

### BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

#### L.A. Tours Inc,

Owners, Stewart and Louise Adams have been working with Rostad Tours of Calgary since 2000 hosting tours to Europe and other destinations. Our next tour is to Denmark and Norway July 12 - 26, 2015 and seats still may be available if you call now! Come along to the 'Land of the Vikings' to discover one of the most scenic regions in the world. We'll visit Denmark, the land of Hans Christian Anderson, with its Renaissance castles, charming villages and famous Tivoli Gardens. Then we explore Norway with its magnificent fjords, rugged countryside and Viking history. Special inclusions are a Copenhagen Canal Cruise, an evening at Tivoli Gardens, an overnight cruise to Oslo, a visit to a Norwegian Farm, Geiranger Fjord Cruise, open car ride to Briksdal Glacier, Musical Concert in Bergen and dinner at Holmenkollen Ski Jump.

We invite you to join our first Viking River Cruise in Holland and Belgium April 14 - 24, 2016. The highlight of this deluxe cruisetour is Keukenhof Gardens, the world's largest floral park. We'll learn about Holland's age old battle against the sea with tours of ingenious windmills and the massive Delta Works project. Come and see the rainbow of colors and visit some of Belgium's most beautifully preserved medieval cities for the ultimate spring vacation in the low countries. There are discounts up to \$1200. for those signing up before June 30, 2015. Cabin space is limited so don't delay!

**Come and see a slide presentation at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2015** at Birch Hills Lutheran Church to learn more or call 306-749-3521. Visit <http://www.latours.ca/>





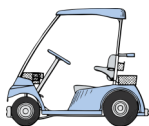
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### GOLF CARTS FOR SALE

The Golf Course has ordered 6 new carts and will be selling used ones.

If you are interested a \$500 deposit is required to hold a cart. There are still cart storage spots available.



Please inquire further at the Golf Course Clubhouse.

**COMING SOON:** *Golf Cart Raffle*  
Watch for more details how you could win!!

## BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE NEWS



### CLUBHOUSE LUNCH SPECIALS

Lunch Served Daily  
Fresh Buns, , Sweet Treats and Deli meats. Cinnamon Buns on weekends  
**MONDAYS:** Hot Meal Specials starting 11:30 until sold out.  
Call Ahead to Pre-Order 749-2211

**REMEMBER:**  
10packs can be used towards your Golf membership until June 15th.  
Driving Range is open \$6/bucket of balls

### June Special *THRIFTY THURSDAYS*

Another 2 for 1 day  
Bring a friend and two can golf for only \$19

**Men's Night** Tuesdays 6pm  
**Ladies Golf** Tuesday 9:00am  
Wed Nights 5:30pm

All Levels Welcome To Golf

**Fun-Day Mondays**  
2 can golf for 1  
(\$19/ 9 holes/2 golfers)  
All Day  
(excluding stat holidays)

### MEMBER PERKS:

Birch Hills golf members, can golf for 50% off Green Fees Anytime, Any day at the following courses St Brieux, Shellbrook, Lanigan, Leroy, Wynyard, Manitou Beach, Craik, Davidson  
**AND NOW at Watson, SK.**

Members now also receive 10% off meals, golf accessories and clothing in Birch Hills.

### Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- June 2 - Minor Sports AGM
- 6 - BH Garage Sale Day
  - Pancake Breakfast
  - Lion's Club Spaghetti Supper
  - F&F Trade Fair & Grambo Bros
- 7 - Cowboy Church
- 10 - School Awards Night
- 11 - Norseman Construction Auction Sale
- 13 - Klassic Kruisers Kar Klub Birchview
  - Diane Ganes Birthday Party
- 14 - Family Fun Day JPRM
- 18 - Link Union Concert @ LPBC
- 20 - Town vs Country Golf
- 21 - Michelle Gjesdal Bridal Shower
- 24 - Ladies Night Out - Golf & Appy's
- 26 - Highschool Graduation
- 27 - Terry Sanderson 2 person best ball golf
- July 14 - Flyer Electric Mens Golf (full)
- 18 - Legion Golf Tournament (open)
- 22 - Cromartie Auction Sale
- Aug 8 - Cory Braaten Memorial Golf Tourney
- 9 - Annual Threshing Day
- 15 - Super Hero Golf Tourney
- 22 - Shellbrook Street Fair
- 29 - Cinnamon Bun Golf Classic (open)
- 31 - PreSchool Registration
- Sep 2 - Ladies Harvest Fun Golf Tournament



### BOUQUET OF THANKS

"Over the years we have had a number of volunteers who have either volunteered their time, money or expertise to the Golf Course. We want to sincerely thank all of those people, whether they are resident or business people. This year, we want to thank Doug Rutherford, who provided expertise and labour, the Ganes' for "cooling off" the clubhouse and providing extra insurance by way of a sump pump for the new septic tank, and Ken Wilson from Flyer Electric, who came in after work hours to help us with a power issue". Volunteers help to make a community and although these people probably do not want or expect any thanks, we want to express our gratitude."



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