

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS

HEARTBEAT

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, 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

July 1st, 2014

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Hello Readers...

I would like to bring up some points regarding *fundraisers*. Many activities and programs are offered in town only because

many people volunteer their time and many help by financial support of donations or attending fundraisers. Please, when considering whether to attend a fundraising function remember:

1. The cost of the tickets are meant to cover expenses (food, facility rentals, supplies etc) AND to have money left over to use. Hence 'fund..raiser'

By you purchasing a ticket, you help keep our kids and adults active, entertained & our town vibrant with activities for all.

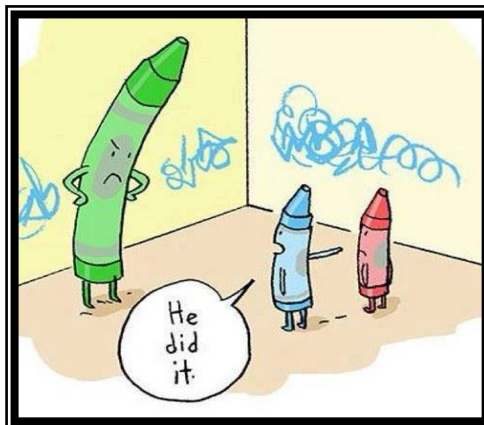
2. When the organizers ask for people to purchase in advance or reserve, this is to a) keep those informed of how many to prepare for and b) keep the organizers from being discouraged. I know we are all busy but if you are considering attending, pls let them know you *may* attend or buy your tickets early to support their cause. On behalf of all organizers, I thank you,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

Attention 18yrs & under
JUNIOR GOLF NIGHT
Monday, July 7th, 2014
a FREE & FUN evening for anyone under 18yrs
(15yrs< must be accompanied by adult)
BBQ Hotdogs, Pop, Club Rentals and Green Fees.



If anyone has a set of Jr clubs to loan for this evening, Pls contact the Clubhouse. BYOC (Bring your own clubs) if you have
July is Junior's Month. \$5 green fees!!



JULY issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **Bev & Maxine Cromartie, Northern Light Orchard, Iris Arksey**

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/ birchhillsrec@sasktel.net. The cost is \$100 ea sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

Town Open Forum
Planning in progress.
A survey will be sent out soon seeking ideas, suggestions, concerns and solutions from town & RM residents. Watch for more details in upcoming Newsletters



SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM KICKOFF and PLAYGROUND PARK GRAND OPENING

July 1st...CANADA DAY at the Lion's Club Ball Park and Playground for tons of family fun.

Bike Parade, Games, BBQ Fundraiser, Slowpitch for kids and Adults, Soccer with a twist and more. Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Playground after bike parade group arrives. BBQ & games to follow. **Bike Parade** starts at 12:00pm. Paraders are to gather at the Post Office 11:30 (Travelling down Main St. around Birchview driveway, out to sportsgrounds.



Decorate you and your bike in Red and White
Join the Playground Program 1:00-4:00pm at the Sportsgrounds Mondays-Fridays. (rain days meet at the golf clubhouse)

BOREDOM BUSTIN'

July and August in Birch Hills

Wed Nights @ 7pm

Meet behind the school

Activities for 9yrs+.

Send the kids out for some fun, random play sponsored by the Rec Board

STARTS Wed July 2nd.
Leader Taylor Mitchell

BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

NORTHERN LIGHT ORCHARD

Northern Light Orchards, www.northernlightorchards.com located on the Northern Light Road 2 ½ miles south of the Hagen/Highway #25 intersection, began growing haskap in 2008. Local owners include Carl and Sandra Barber, Kevin and Craig Ulvild and Jason Green. Our 10 acres of haskap are well sheltered and continue to increase both in size and productivity. This fruit has a wonderful full and complex flavor and intense color without being full of seeds. Thank you to all who have provided encouragement and support since we began.

Although we sell primarily wholesale and now harvest most of our fruit mechanically, we are pleased to continue to offer U-Pick, pick on shares, or already picked- fresh or frozen haskap to all who ask as well as limited quantities of other products. We expect harvest the beginning of July. You may have experienced our fruit at local events in pancake toppings, over ice cream, or in a variety of baking. LB Distillers has an amazing liqueur made from our berries. As Bryce Wilde explained on the Dr Oz show this past winter he considers haskap one of the new “superfoods” because it is not only higher in anti-oxidants than blueberries and full of Vitamin C and other nutritional goodies it tastes great and can be consumed in many ways.

If you are interested in our orchard, purchasing our fruit or other products, or part time employment, we hope to hear from you or see you soon.

Contact Carl or Sandra at 306-749-3216, Carl at 306-749-7782, or email northernlight@sasktel.net.

THANK YOU FROM THE J. HARVEY GJESDAL FAMILY



The family of J Harvey Gjesdal would like to extend our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbours for the outpouring of love and support as we said farewell to our husband, dad and grandpa. We appreciated the food, flowers, donations and the many words of kindness. Special thanks to those who participated in the service of celebration and preparation of the cemetery, the Birch Hills Civic Center and those who helped with the lunch, and the staff of Mackenzie Funeral Services.

SPONSOR A PICNIC TABLE or BENCH

There are 8 tables and a few benches that need to be purchased for the sportsgrounds. If you are interested in sponsoring 1 for \$200, please contact Laurie. We will make plaques as per your request. Families, Businesses, Groups, Individuals welcome.
(First come, First served....only 4 left)



CANADA HISTORY WEEK

Declared in 2013, the annual Canada History Week takes place

July 1-7 in order for Canadians to learn more about the events of the past that have defined our nation.

During Canada History Week, all Canadians are encouraged to visit a museum, tour one of our great national historic sites, or speak to a veteran, and learn what makes Canada the united, strong, and free country we live in today. Click [here](#) to learn more about Canadian history!

BEAUTIFYING BIRCH HILLS



The Community Boosters have been recognizing residents in town that have been putting extra effort into keeping Birch Hills looking good. Watch for signs around town.



HELP NEEDED

The museum group is seeking someone to help with the Threshing Demonstration on August 17th at the Threshing Day Celebration. Call 749-2262 if you can help.

LADIES NINE & DINE

rescheduled Wed, July 23

Quick 101 lesson at 5:30pm

Tee off 5:45pm

Appetizers around 8:00pm

\$25 includes 9 holes & appys \$10 for those not wanting to golf but want to visit.

Pre-register at clubhouse All are welcome, this is best ball, so you don't have to be good!



Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month.

Send entries to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or call 306-749-7451

The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY

Next meeting Tuesday August 19, 2014 @ 7:30pm

in the Museum Boardroom.

Contact Stewart or Louise Adams or Shirley Ulvild for more info



Summer Dance Camps

** for ages 8yrs & up on August 25, 26, 27.

No dance experience necessary

** Preschool Summer Dance Camps – Themed day camps for the little dancers in your life Register Now for Early Bird Pricing!

Ages 2.5 – 4yrs August 11 & 12th

Ages 3 – 6yrs August 18 and 19th

Early Bird Registrations by July 15th for discounted fees

For more info email bhdc@sasktel.com or phone 749-3446

or Join us on Facebook *Birch Hills Dance Center*

DID YOU KNOW: After school programs decrease juvenile crime and violence, reduce drug use, cut smoking & alcohol abuse, and decreases teen pregnancy. Children who participate in these programs show improvement in standardized test scores and decreased absenteeism and tardiness. Public park and recreation agencies can play an enormous role in improving the lives of at-risk children by offering interesting, stimulating and enriching after school programs.

Watch for details in the fall for programs & ways to get involved

SEEKING GOLF ENTHUSIASTS

Interested in becoming a *Golf Course Board Member?*

Contact Rec Office or a current member for more information or attend next meeting

July 10 7pm
@ the Clubhouse

FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS



JJ Voss Concert

August 2nd

In With the Old Concert

August 23rd

Purchase concert tickets at Clay Oven online www.fluteandfiddle.ca

Open Stage & Karoke Friday Night Hosts in July

July 4 – Lea Swenson

July 11 – Pam Cochet

NEW:

Friday Steak Nights 5-8pm BBQ your own (steak provided). \$12.50 for steak, baked potato, home baked beans, coleslaw & bun.

Like us on Facebook,

Follow us on Twitter

Birch Hills Cowboy Church

@ Community Centre

1st Sunday of each month

Next Service **July 6, 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel Music with down home bible message.



All Welcome.

Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235

The 18th Annual Birch Hills & District Historical Society's Threshing & Family Fun Day

Sunday, August 17, 2014

@ the museum.

Admission is free.



Visit the museum and the thrift shop and the vintage displays.

The day's schedule begins at 7:30 am:

7:30 Pancake Breakfast

10:30 Church Service

12:00 Parade (on main street)

Food Concessions

Silent Auction

1:00 Children's Activities

Old Time Musical Entertainment

50/50 Raffle ticket sales begin

3:00 Threshing Demonstration

3:30 50/50 Raffle ends with 3 draws

Quilt Raffle tickets drawn

Silent Auction closes

The Museum is open every Wednesday from 2:00-4:00PM and admission is free; the Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday from 9:00 to 4:00pm

GET YER GOAT...OR THEIRS!

Golf Course Raffle \$5/ticket

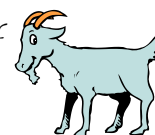
Buy your Friend or Foe a chance to Win A Real Live Goat!! No KIDDing!!

Goat Insurance \$20

(ensures you won't win the goat)

Draw Date Sept 30, 2014

Tickets on sale now at Golf Course or from golf board members



On June 4, 2014 three local families were presented the Century Family Farm Awards at the Western Development Building in Saskatoon. The recipients were the Arnestad Family of Hagen, the Robinson family of Weldon, and the Unger family of Birch Hills. Seventy three families were present & approximately 290 people enjoyed a hot roast beef dinner complete with "farmer" size pieces of pie for dessert. Thank you to Information Services Corporation for hosting this memorable & enjoyable occasion.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Glen Maurice Cromarty passed away peacefully at home in Merritt, B.C. on May 28, 2014 surrounded by his wife and soul mate, Evelyn, and their family. Glen, the son of Sam & Melba Cromarty was born in Tessier, SK. Glen is survived by his wife of 60 years, Evelyn and their children: Roberta (Conrad); Dayle (Sheila); Dean (Donna); Dwain (Teresa); Donald (Jackie); Darren (Carol); Todd (Jackie), Timothy (Rayanne); Tammy (Charles), 38 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, many nieces & nephews, his special sister Marjy (Fred) and his brothers. **A celebration of Glen's life was held on June 3 at Merritt, B.C.**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES in BIRCH HILLS

OFFICE ASSISTANT:

The Town of Birch Hills invites applications for the full-time position of Office Assistant. The successful applicant will be under the supervision of the Town Administrator.

The Office Assistant will be responsible for providing administrative and clerical services. Providing these services in an effective and efficient manner will ensure that municipal operations are well maintained.

This position offers a SUMA Benefits package, Municipal Pension Plan and a salary which is dependent on experience & qualifications. Applicants are asked to submit a detailed resume, by 4:00 p.m. July 11, 2014 to:

JANITORIAL POSITION:

The Town of Birch Hills invites applications for the position of Janitor for the Birch Hills Senior's Hall. This position requires approximately 10-20hr per month depending on events or functions and includes general janitorial duties such as sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, dusting, shoveling, taking out garbage and other duties as assigned

Please submit your interest to the Town Office by July 15, 2014

SUBMIT RESUMES TO:

Town of Birch Hills
126 McCallum Avenue, Box 206 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0
Fax: 306-749-2545 ~ e-mail: birchhills.town@sasktel.net

GOLF COURSE GROUND MAINTENANCE

Casual/Part-time Position Available at the golf course starts \$11/hr
Send resumes to Recreation Office. Hiring immediately

LION'S BALL DIAMOND PARK NEWS

Co-ed Adult Slow Pitch League:

Wednesday Nights - Starts July 2nd

Co-ed SlowPitch Tournament:

NEW DATE PA Dragon Slayers hosting a slow pitch tournament in Birch Hills.

July 12/13 weekend.

Call 960-3761 if your team is interested in registering.



Drop in SlowPitch Fridays 7pm at the diamonds. \$2 to play

Everyone is Welcome. Come once in awhile, come all the time...it's drop in!

Birch Hills Crime Watch on Facebook

There will be a meeting for anyone concerned about the delinquent activity happening in Birch Hills lately. There has been discussion about re-starting a *new* COPP (Citizens on Patrol Program)

If you are interested in learning more about how to become involved and to be part of the solution to return our town to a safe and secure place to raise our kids and live, please consider attending this meeting **July 15th 7pm at the Clay Oven.**

Constable Con Lerat and an RCMP representative will come and walk us through starting up this program. We can discuss issues and concerns relating to RCMP patrol in town. If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to be involved or have information regarding what's happening, contact Amanda Bliss or Rosa Matice or join the Facebook page for updates.

In the meantime, keep vehicles and doors locked and your eyes open for suspicious behavior. Contact RCMP 749-2200 if you have any incidents to report.

If RCMP doesn't hear from Birch Hills residents, they won't have any reason to come out here. It's your responsibility to speak up for our community!

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAY

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
 Thimbles & Threads Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482
 Fire Department Meetings 7pm @ fire hall

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf 9:00am Mens Golf Night 6:00pm
 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
 St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500
 Optimist Club 2nd & 4th Tues of the month New members welcome
 Crystal Springs Bingo 7pm



WEDNESDAY

Ladies Golf 5:30pm
 Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am at the Sr Hall
 Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!
 Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm
 Birchview Ladies Aux 9:30 every 2nd Wed ea month New members welcome
 Randy Hoback Office 1st Wed of month @ Town Hall 1-3pm
 Holy Trinity Church Svc 7pm Brancepeth starting June 4- Aug 13th
Boredom Bustin' Starts July 2nd 7pm behind school
Adult SlowPitch League 7pm @ diamonds



THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364
 Library Open 12 - 4:30pm
 St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500
 Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall. New members welcome



FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time done till fall**
Drop in Slow Pitch @ ball diamonds 7pm \$2 to play
 Flute & Fiddle Karaoke & Steak Nite Happy Hour till 8 All ages welcome

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

BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12-4 & 5-8 pm,
 Thursdays & Fridays:
 12 to 4:30 pm



LIBRARY's READING PROGRAM

Sign up at library for your summer reading kit. *For every 5 books you read, you get to put your name in a draw for great prizes.*

Watch for upcoming summer events:
 Magic Show and Tues night crafts

2014 MINOR SPORTS BOARD



Karla Lyons, President
 Shae Adams, Vice President
 Sarah Lacombe, Treasurer
 Jan Goy, Secretary
 Tanya Dansereau, Registrar

Jaesen Dansereau Director of Hockey

Vacant position: Director of Ball

There is an urgent need for referees this winter.

Mark your calendars for Ref

Clinic in town, Nov 16th

Hockey Registration will be Sept 4th



Please Share Paper with a Friend or Send Email to receive the news letter online



SHED WANTED

If anyone has a line on one more shed (6x8)ish for storage of the playground program supplies. Please contact Laurie 749-7451 Can be an older shed, supplies to build one or info where to buy one, best price and ready made preferred. Pick up can be arranged.

Thank you to Pat & Amanda Murphy for one shed & to Gord Hood for picking up and delivering shed for wood.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS

Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11:00am
 at 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am:



Lutheran Church Service (1st, 3rd & 5th Sun of the month)
 United Church Service (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)
 Glad Tidings Tabernacle (Pentecostal) @ 101 4th St 11am

Lake Park Baptist Church @ Hwy 3 11:00am

Saron Lutheran Church near Hagen 9:30am

St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am

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

Birch Hills Lutheran Church worship is cancelled July 6 & 20, Aug. 3 & 17 and starts again Aug. 24th.



Laurie Berube,
Recreation Director
Box 280, Birch Hills, SK
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Cell: 306-749-7451 text or call
Fax: 306-749-2545

E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

Facebook Page:

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

Website: www.birchhills.ca



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

Birch Hills Legion Lester Franklin Memorial Open Golf Tourney

Saturday, July 19th, 2014

Cost is \$50 includes Golf Fees
and Supper. Proceeds go
towards the Legion Hall
Registration requested at the
Clubhouse by July 15th



Cinnamon Bun Classic Best Ball Golf Tournament (Darlene Elsaesser Memorial)

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Shotgun Start 1:00pm

Ham Supper @ 5:00pm

\$60/golfer includes 9 holes of golf &
supper (carts extra)

Team or individual entries welcome.

Registration requested at the Clubhouse
749-2211 by July 23rd



Answering Service: 930-0993

Web Site: <http://www.sk-alanon.ca>

Museum News

Parade entries for
Threshing Day on
August 17th Call
749-2262

Join us Weds for
Coffee & Thrift
Store Shopping

LADIES NINE & DINE

rescheduled to Wednesday, July 23

Quick 101 lesson at 5:30pm

Tee off 5:45pm



Appetizers around 8:00pm

\$25 includes 9 holes & appys

\$10 for those not wanting to golf but
want to visit. Pre-register at clubhouse

BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE NEWS

Lunch at the Clubhouse

Call 749-2211 to pre-order lunch

homemade & fresh buns and meats

Fresh baked Cinnamon Buns on Sat & Sun

Monthly 50/50
Draw. Tickets
available at
Clubhouse

Mens Night 6:00pm Tuesdays

Ladies Golf Tues 9:00am
Wed 5:30pm



Funday Mondays: 2 for 1 green fees (\$18)

Thirty Thursdays: 9 holes & Cart Rental \$30

JUNIOR JULY GOLF PROMOS:

Any golfers under 18yrs will pay \$5/round of golf throughout July
Any time, Any day when accompanied by and adult

Watch for **August Golf Specials**....details in next Heartbeat

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- July**
- 1 - Playground Program Kickoff
 - 2 - Boredom Bustin' starts Wed Nites
 - Slow Pitch League Starts
 - 6 - Cowboy Church
 - 7 - Junior Night Free at Golf Course
 - 8 - Men's Open Golf Tourney (full)
 - Bob Cockwill Sponsored
 - 10 - Golf Course Meeting
 - 12/13 - Slow Pitch Tourney (PA Dragons)
 - 15 - ~~Community Booster Mtg~~
 - Citizens on Patrol Program Meeting
 - Dance Center Early Reg deadline
 - 19 - Legion Golf Lester Franklin Open
 - 22 - Link Family Concert @ LPBC
 - 23 - Ladies Nine & Dine
 - 26 - Cinnamon Bun Classic Golf Tourney

- August** 1-3 - Weldon's 100th Celebration
- 2 - JJ Voss Concert F&F
 - 16 - Cory Braaten Memorial Golf
 - 17 - 18th Annual Threshing Day
 - 18-22 - LPBC Vacation Bible School
 - 23 - In with the Old Concert F&F

- Sept**
- 3 - Ladies Fun Harvest Golf Tourney
 - 4 - Minor Hockey Registration
 - 26-28 - Sask Culture Days
 - 28 - Brancepeth Fall Supper
- October** 18 - Christmas Shopping Bus Tour

Mark your calendars: August 1-3, 2014
Weldon's 100th Celebration. For more info
contact Kathy Lima or check out
www.weldoncentennialhomecoming.com.