

The 'Birch Hills 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)

**August 15th, 2015**

**Issue 100th**



Greetings,

This is the 100th edition of the Birch Hills Heartbeat Newsletter!

Wow, times sure flies when you're having fun. Each and every edition of the community newsletter has been free, thanks to our personal and business sponsors. You could be a sponsor too for \$100-300/month. Contact me for more details. Thank you to those that continue to send me information and ideas.

Check page 3 for upcoming fall activity registrations

I hope you are enjoying your summer!

*Laurie Berube, Rec Director*

## CAMP DISCOVERY VACATIONS BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)



Where: Birch Hills Sportsgrounds

When: August 17 - 21st,  
9:30-12:00

Contact: Clint (306) 220-5245  
Brian (306) 981-0024

Join us for VBS and  
bring your friends



## FARMERS MARKET

The Winding River Colony  
is selling goodies Fridays  
9:30 - 5:00pm

Beside the Post Office

They would like to express their gratitude for your support and friendliness!

**NOTE:** The hope is to eventually have a sheltered weekly or bi-weekly market if it's feasible.

We are in trial stages and if you

**AUGUST** issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for by:

**Brancepeth  
Community Hall,  
Bill Hassler & Family,  
and Flyer Electric**

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

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOCKEY KIDS SPORT



**Jumpstart**  
Giving kids a sporting chance.

If you apply through The Big Play ONLINE then the child is eligible for funding up to \$500 /child as opposed to the current max. of \$300/child.

When completing applications to support children age 4-18 for the 2015/16 Hockey season registration please go online to 'The Big Play' application as there are supporting funds there for Parents who qualify for financial assistance.

[jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca)

and click on THE BIG PLAY symbol.

## GOLF LESSONS?

Are you interested in taking or teaching golf lessons - Adult or Junior? Please contact the clubhouse 749-2211.

## FLUTE and FIDDLE NEWS

August 21st - Celebrate the Classes of the 80's  
Open to All Adults

Supper (starts at 5pm) Karaoke and fellowship at the Flute and Fiddle. Pam Cochet is Open Mic host (music starts 7pm)



All other August dates are available for private bookings -  
Call 306-749-1222 for more info.

Open Mic resumes Friday, Sept 4th.



Thank you for your understanding and enjoy the rest of your summer.

## KEEPING KIDS ACTIVE

### The Birch Hills Summer Playground Program



Monday thru to Friday 1:00 - 4:00pm  
Contact Brittany Larson 981-5580  
VISITORS ARE WELCOME  
4 DAYS LEFT!! Windup August 20th

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Started June 23rd...Ends August 28th  
Sign up at Birch Hills Library  
For ages 5yrs -12yrs.



For every 5 books read throughout  
the summer, kids get an entry for cool prizes.  
Draw date after Aug 28th

### Birch Hills Public Library hosting Summer craft Nights

Tuesday evenings with Alicia Hood  
**LAST ONE! August 18**  
6:30 - 7:30pm @ the Library

Free for kids ages 5-12yrs

Funding support from Sask Lotteries  
Community Grant and Birch Hills Library



### Boredom Bustin' with Taylor Mitchell

Wednesday Nights

Intended for kids Gr 6+ but all are welcome  
Meet behind the school. Lower Level!

**6:30pm (LAST ONE!)**  
August 19th Kids Choice



### BIRCHVIEW UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome 2:30-3:30pm

Wed, Aug 19th JobMates Band  
Thurs, Aug 27th Cudworth Cowboys



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

### Calling all Senior and Junior Golfers...

We may have a tournament last week of August if  
there is enough interest.

Contact Jamie at the Clubhouse 749-2211 asap for  
more information.

Decision made by Aug 20th.  
Watch for updates on  
Facebook



### TOWN NOTICE - Water & Sewer Bylaw

The Town of Birch Hills has implemented a new Water & Sewer Bylaw  
#04/15 and has now received the approval from the Saskatchewan Municipal  
Board. We will be implementing all changes effective September 1, 2015.

Utility Bills will be issued on the first business day of each month

All water meters will be read monthly

The monthly minimum bill will be \$75.00.

This includes: \$40.00 for up to 12 cubic meters of Water  
\$33.00 for Sewer  
\$2.00 Environmental Surcharge

All new utility account holders will be required to fill out an application  
for water and sewer utility services

All owners where there is a landlord/tenant situation must fill out and  
sign a Utilities Rental Agreement.

Utility accounts that remain outstanding more than 60 days will receive a  
Notice of Disconnection letter for non-payment.

A copy of the bylaw is available in the office or on the Town's Website

### STILL SEEKING MEMBERS... 2015 Birch Hills Minor Sports

There are a couple positions available  
on the board.

Contact Karla @ 749-3204 if you are  
interested in becoming:

*Director of Ball*  
*Treasurer of Minor Sports*

If you would like to see hockey and  
ball continue in Birch Hills for young  
kids, please consider getting involved.



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

## UPCOMING REGISTRATIONS

### Birch Hills Community Preschool

Registration Night Monday, Aug 31st,  
In the Birch Hills School Gym  
Ages 3 and 4 are welcome.  
Any questions, contact Jody Mickelson @  
749-2843 or Lisa Peterson @ 749-3137



### SPORT EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE AND SALE



Bring your used equipment and give an opportunity to others to try a sport or trade yours in for larger size. At the Skating Arena during hockey and skating registration. For pre day drop offs contact Rec Office September 9th 5:00 - 7:30pm

**SKATING CLUB** Can-Skate & Star Skate Registration  
Wed, September 9th @ Arena 5:30 - 7:00pm  
If your child can stand on skates, they can learn to skate!!



### BIRCH HILLS DANCE CENTRE NEWS

**Summer Dance Camp is set for August 25, 26, 27.**

for ages 8 Guest instructor Andrea Fontaine will be coming in to do classes. There are limited spots available. Please email [bhdc@sasktel.net](mailto:bhdc@sasktel.net)

**\*Fall registration will be August 26 & 27 from 6-8 pm.**

**THEMED DAY CAMPS** Limited Spots still available

**Oceana** for 5 to 7yrs old

Mon, Aug 17 & 18th 10am-12pm

Email [bhdc@sasktel.net](mailto:bhdc@sasktel.net) or call 306-749-3446

Registration is First Come/First Served



We are currently working on getting a website up and running for now please check out our Facebook site under Birch Hills Dance Centre for upcoming events!

### Sparks, Brownie, Guides, Pathfinder and Ranger Information Night.

Tuesday, September 2nd

6:30 - 7:30pm

@ Birch Hills Lutheran Church  
(4th & Main)



For Ages 5 - 17yrs

Leaders Natalie and Audrey Matheson.

New Leaders and Helpers Welcome

For more info call Audrey @ 749-2217

### MINOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

5:30 - 7:00pm

@ the Skating Arena Lobby



**NOTE:** We have lowered our fees for this upcoming season. Contact Tanya for more information (981-3538) or come to registration night

### 6th Annual Birchview Farmers Market

Thursday, September 17th

1:30 - 3:30pm in the Dining Room

@ Birchview Home

Fresh Cinnamon Buns & Coffee

If you have garden veggies, fruit, baking, crafts, canned goods etc that you would like to donate to the sale...Please bring them to the activity room morning of the sale. A huge thank you for your generosity!



### SILENT AUCTION

Starts Sept 3 thru to the 17th  
Last bid will be at 3:00pm



### Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

The Federal Government has awarded the Birch Hills Skating Arena matching grant funding of \$30,000 for repairs and maintenance needed in our rink. YAY for us!!

Thanks to those involved in the Farm Field Project, if all goes well, this will provide the matching funds. This is a two phase project that will happen by the year 2017 for when Canada will celebrate their 150th birthday. The 1st phase is to repair the south end corner of the rink, which is to be complete by this seasons start. The 2nd project will be to insulate the ice surface area next year. These projects will require volunteer help. Watch for details and ways that you can help to make sure our rink is run efficiently and kept safe for all users.



WINTER is coming.... (whether we like it or not!)



Minor Hockey and Skating Registration coming soon...See Page 3 for more information

Consider being a Hockey Ref & Make \$\$...  
On line registration on SHA website.  
Clinics in Birch Hills November 15th

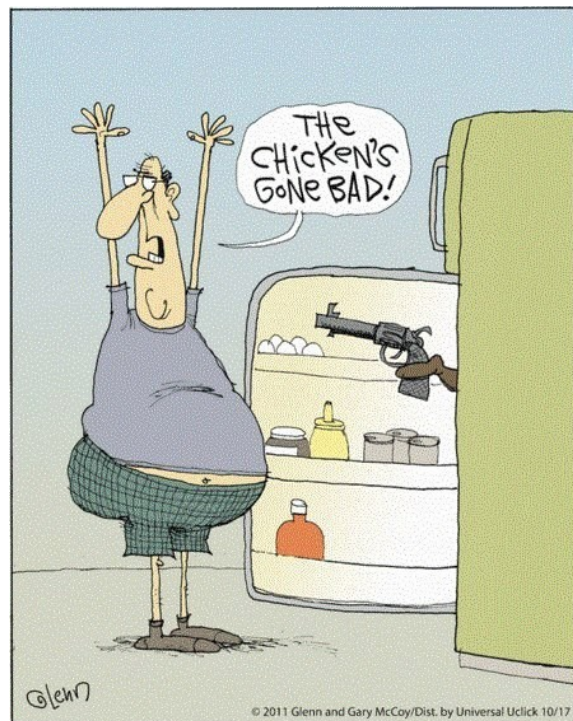


Questions to Ponder: Should Birch Hills have:

- A 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival in Feb?
- A visit from Santa Clause to have pictures with kids?
- Drop in Volleyball or Hockey? Which evenings?
- An afterschool Program...what kinds of activities?

Can you help plan and organize, even one day a week?

Just a few things to think about and watch for more details. If you have any other ideas, contact Rec Office



### THRESHING DAY DRAW RESULTS

**Quilts** - Men's Tie Quilt - Leanne Baily  
- Windmill Quilt - Debbie Gordon  
- Comfort Quilt - Lois Tomtene

**Museum 50/50 Draw** - 1st - Marilyn Smith \$115.00  
- 2nd - Carol Hastings \$69.00  
- 3rd - Ernie Peterson \$46.00



**The Birch Hills Fire Dept. draw winners** - Fire Pit - Val Chaykowski  
- Fire Pit - Terilyn Deck  
- Shirt - Riley Brier  
- 50/50 Draw - Joan Devenis \$102.50

### BOUQUET OF THANKS

Lorne Little was passing by Birch Hills and had some vehicle troubles on the highway this past week. He would like to thank Bike Bob (McRury) for bringing him into town. He would also like to thank those that helped him at the Birch Hills Co-op. You folks, once again showed off the true heart of our town. Bravo!!!



### AUGUST NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

#### FLYER ELECTRIC

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Terry Tessier, CEO Box 430 Birch Hills



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#### Brancepeth Community Hall 306-749-2280

The Community has worked very hard at many wonderful upgrades to the Brancepeth Community Hall. We have new flooring, new paint, new furnaces, an additional hot water heater, new lighting and new chairs. The hall has a full kitchen and is a beautiful space for entertaining or hosting a gathering. Rental for the hall is very reasonable! Please contact Marlene or Chris for bookings.



## EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

### MONDAYS

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680  
Fire Depart Mtgs every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Kyle Jensen 749-7536  
**\*NEW** 2 for 1 Golf FUN-Day Mondays

### TUESDAYS

Ladies Golf starts 9am All Ladies Welcome  
Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee  
Library Open Weekly 12-4pm and 5-8pm  
Crystal Springs Bingo 7:30pm @ Crystal Springs Hall  
Men's Golf starts 6pm All Men Welcome meet at clubhouse



### WEDNESDAYS

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am @ 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  
Ladies Golf starts 5:30 All Ladies Welcome  
Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month  
**\*NEW** Adult Slo-Pitch Games start 7pm Spectators Welcome  
Brancepeth Church Services 7:30pm Everyone Welcome

### THURSDAYS

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680  
Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee  
Library Open 12 - 4:30pm  
**\*NEW** Thrifty Thursdays, 2 for 1 Golf  
Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall. New members welcome



### FRIDAYS

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St  
Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm/ ~~Story time 11-1:45pm~~ **Starts in Fall**  
Flute & Fiddle Open Mic & Karaoke Night Happy Hour 7-8pm All ages welcome

**Call if you have changes or events to add to this list; Laurie at 749-7451**

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS

Birch Hills Community Lutheran Brethren Church @ 11:00am  
Pastor Clint Knutson (Lutheran church corner of Bellamy & 4th St)



Lutheran Church Service 9:30am w/ Pastor Dan Haugen  
(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 **TIME CHANGE**  
St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:00am  
St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am

### MOMS & TOTS GROUP

Tuesday and Thursdays from  
10-12pm At the Youth Centre  
\$2 drop in fee for centre hosting  
All Moms welcome  
Join the "Birch Hills Mamas"  
Facebook Page to meet other moms  
in Birch Hills

### Wednesday Church Services

Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
in Brancepeth Services 7:30pm  
Come for worship & fellowship  
1 mile south of Brancepeth Corner  
Everyone Welcome till August 26th

### 'FORE' WHEEL DRIVE RAFFLE

Win a New Yamaha Gas Powered Cart  
Value \$6000  
Tickets sold at clubhouse  
and by members  
1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50  
Draw Date July 1, 2016  
Proceeds towards new Clubhouse



### COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

#### Senior Hall

Delores Jones 749-2680 Hall Rentals  
**Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion**  
Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Hall Rentals  
Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info



#### Birch Hills Lions Club

Bruce Tilford 749-7743  
Todd Devenis 749-3425  
**Birch Hills Historical Society**  
Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

#### Community Boosters

Stewart & Louise Adams 749-3521

#### Dreamland Optimist Club

Stuart Matice 306-314-2378

#### Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

#### Fire Department

Kyle Jensen **749-7536**

#### Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

#### Birchview Ladies Auxillary &

Meals on Wheels (**help wanted**)  
749-2288



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: 'Town of Birch Hills  
Community & Recreation'  
**Website:** www.birchhills.ca

**TWO - TWO for ONE Days**  
Mondays and Thursdays!!!  
\$19 / 2 golfers

### NOTICE TO GOLF MEMBERS

You are encouraged to reserve tee times on 2 for 1 days to avoid disappointment.  
Also please remember to sign in for tee times at clubhouse. Thanks



## GOLF COURSE NEWS

### CLUBHOUSE LUNCH SPECIALS

Lunch Served Daily Homemade Buns,  
Cinnamon Buns, Sweet Treats and Deli meats.

**MONDAYS:** Hot Meal Specials starting 11:30  
until sold out. Call Ahead to Pre-Order 749-2211

**Men's Night** Tuesdays 6pm

**Ladies Golf** Tuesday 9:00am  
Wed Nights 5:30pm  
All Levels Welcome To Golf.  
Meet at clubhouse 1/2 before



### Birch Hills Ladies Annual Harvest Fun Golf Tournament

Wednesday, September 2, 2015  
Shotgun Start 10:00am TEXAS SCRAMBLE  
9:00-9:45 Registration, Coffee and Muffins  
\$35 /lady includes meal  
Deadline: Aug 31: Contact Sandra 749-3216/Myrtle 749-2652



**ATTN: MEMBERS** If you would like to have a Member and Guest Golf Tournament, please contact Jamie at the Clubhouse asap. Dates will be considered for September.  
More details to follow if there is enough interest

### 3rd Annual Cinnamon Bun Classic

*Tournament in memory of Darlene Elsaesser*  
Best Ball Golf Tournament  
Saturday, August 29th, 2015  
Turkey Supper to follow @ 5:00pm  
\$60/ golfer includes 9 holes and supper  
(carts & club rentals are extra)  
Team or individual entries welcome  
Register at Clubhouse 749-2211



### Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Aug 17-21 - VBS Camp Discovery for Kids
- 17&18 - Oceana Dance
- 18 - Library Art Night LAST ONE
- 19 - Boredom Bustin' LAST ONE
- Job Mates Band (Birchview)
- 21 - Celebrate the 80's All Welcome
- 22 - Shellbrook Street Fair
- 25-27 - Summer Dance Camp
- 25 or 26 - Sr / Jr Golf Tournament..?
- 26&27 - Dance Centre Registration
- 27 - Cudworth Cowboys (Birchview)
- 29 - Cinnamon Bun Golf Classic
- 31 - PreSchool Registration
- Sep 2 - Ladies Harvest Fun Golf Tournament
- Spark/Brownie/Guide/Pathfinder/Ranger Reg
- 4 - Open Mic resumes F&F
- 6 - Cowboy Church
- 9 - Hockey & Skating Registration
- Sport Equipment Exchange
- 17 - Birchview Farmers Market
- 20 - Cemetery Workbee and Open House
- Oct 5-9 - Fall Town Clean Up Week
- 18 - Brancepeth Fall Supper
- Nov 7 - Firemen's Roughriders Theme Fall Supper
- 15 - Hockey Ref Clinic
- 20 - RBC Sports Day in Canada - Jersey Day
- 21 - Annual Fall Home & Bus Tradeshow

Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month.  
Send entries to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) or call 306-749-7451