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Greetings,

Just a couple more weeks until school starts but there is still time to get out and enjoy what's left of summer. Take note of upcoming registration dates and if you know of any events or group activities, contact me to advertise in newsletter at no cost...thanks to our sponsors.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

Magician
Roger Boucher,

In Birch Hills

August 15th @ Mane Event

1:30-2:30pm

Everyone Welcome

Hosted by the BH

Library and

Recreation Dept

donations accepted



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Birchview Nursing Home Annual Farmers Market

Wednesday, August 30th

1:30-3:30 Dining Room

Veggie donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated!

Bake Sale & Silent Auction - ON NOW

(Starts Aug. 1st and ends 3:00pm day of Market)



Money raised will go directly to Recreation Programming for our Elders!

Transwest Air, and RYSC Youth Centre hosting

Helicopter Shoe Drop and Sneaker Scramble

Sunday, August 20th

At the Birch Hills Skatepark

BBQ 5pm

Shoe Drop 6pm

Shoe scramble for kids to follow!

Skateboard Jam & More!



Purchase your 'shoes' from the youth centre.

On the day, shoes will be dropped from the sky and the shoe that lands in the toilet bowl wins \$1000!

(Multiple shoes split the prize money)

Shoes \$10 ea from youth centre.

Each shoe purchased enters your name into a draw for a Roughrider Fire Pit! Not local or can't make it to Youth Center? Call 749-2478 to arrange to e transfer or contact Kathy through Facebook!

Let us know the type of shoe you would like, we will pick one for you, fill out your matching ticket and text you a picture of them to confirm your entry

All proceeds to a Skatepark Camp Gazebo & washrooms.

Sponsored by ScotiaBank and Propoganda

BH Cemetery Board Meeting Report

The BH Cemetery Committee met on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Wayne Boyle chaired the meeting. All members of the Board were present. The Board members include: Tara Gariepy (Sec./Treas.), Ray Stangeland, Everet Whelan, Sharon Rolfes, Shirley Ulvild, Joyce Hunter, Marilyn Sorsdahl, and Beth Rude.

A discussion of the problem with Field Scabious noxious weed is on going and the eradication will continue in 2018 as outlined by the weed inspector, Barry Swanson.

Tara reported that the Cemetery data entry with the new record keeping software is progressing well and will be real asset when finished. *Thank you to Marilyn Sorsdahl for her help with this.*

Caretaker Darrin Evans attended the meeting and said everything was in order at the Cemetery. He submitted his resignation and introduced Jocelyn Siebert (Evans), who has worked with him since spring and is willing to take over the job. She was accepted by the Board and will start immediately with plans to tidy brush and branches to be destroyed with a controlled burn.

Welcome Jocelyn and many thanks Darrin for your years of service!

Funding for the Birch Hills Memorial Cemetery comes from Individual and Family Memorials, The Combined Appeal, Bequeaths and sale of plots. The only source of revenue for the Birch Hills Cemetery is the sale of plots and donations. The Board is finding that the revenue is no longer covering the maintenance, parts, fuel and wages that are part of the Cemetery's expenses. The operating costs have been draining past memorials and bequeaths and in recent years the Cemetery has received very little of these types of monetary donations.

Please consider donating to the Cemetery Fund as we strive to keep it a place to be proud of.

The Board's walk-about and 'tidy' day have proven enjoyable and informative.

Please join us again on August 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm

BOUQUET OF THANKS!!



Every little bit REALLY DOES COUNT!!!

A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to Birch Hills, family, friends and beyond for the encouragement, support, voting and sharing during the Tangerine 20 contest --- the \$20,000 grand prize you were part of winning will bring us a huge step closer to completing the Park with Camp Gazebo and washroom facility for the community to enjoy!

Thank you Brad Halayka for being the community member under which the submission was made, Pastor Clint for summarizing and keeping the entry within the 300 word limit and to EVERY SINGLE PERSON who voted and shared. Whether once or every day ---it all made a difference, not just in the final tally but in daily effort to engage not only our community but connections across our province and Canada. The turn out for the announcement at the Park was fantastic --- it was awesome that so many people pulled together

CRYSTAL SPRINGS EVENTS

Bingo: Bingo in Crystal Springs Tuesdays 7:30pm

Mark your calendars:

Fall Brunch: Sunday, Oct 29th, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Crystal Trade Show: Saturday, November 4th

Coffee Row: Crystal Springs Rec Co-op Once a Month Coffee Row will resume in September. 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Next Date is: **Wednesday September 6th** Crystal Springs Hall

for a common goal! Huge thank you to Lyle, Larry & Darlene Evans, Pastor Clint, Art Barth & Jocelyn Seibert for setting up the BBQ, serving and cleaning up and to the ladies who provided the salads to go with the meal --- they can always be counted on each and every time!

You can count the seeds in a "tangerine" but you can't count the "tangerines" in a seed! Perhaps the bigger prize is yet to come!
RYSC Youth

Braggin' about our Community!



Congratulations to *Heavenly Blue Honeysuckle Orchards* (H&M Graham's, haskap orchard just outside BH, on the St Louis hwy) They are 'now officially the largest certified Organic Haskap Orchard on the face of the planet'. How wonderful and unique for Birch Hills to have two haskap orchards in the area.

Northern Light Orchard (C&S Barber's) has partnered with Tree Island Gourmet Yogurt in Vancouver. They are using the fruit for the Haskap Berry Gourmet Yogurt!

Send me write ups and reports of anyone in our community achieving wonderful things to brag about.. Laurie

Boredom Bustin'



Tues and Thurs
Evenings 6:30-8:00pm

Meet behind the school to
play games.

Intended for ages 8-12 how-
ever, all ages are welcome.
kids bring your parents!

Birch Hills Dance Centre

NEW to our Dance Centre:
dance clothing, shoes & tights.
Come in for a visit !



In-person registration/
information night. At the studio
on August 22nd. 6:00-8:00pm

www.birchhillsdancecentre.net
For more info email bhdc@sasktel.net



TECHNIQUE TUES & WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

Aug 11,8,15,23,30

5-6pm Ages 7-9,

6-7pm Ages 10-12, 7-8pm Ages 13+

\$50+gst for all classes, \$15 drop in

Birch Hills LIBRARY News

SUMMER CRAFTS w/ Allicia Hood

~~July 11, 18 & 25~~ Aug 8, 15 & 22

6:30pm-7:30pm ages 5-12yrs, No Cost!



Summer Reading Program

On now... Check in with your librarian for
more info or check out more books.

Hours: Thur/Fri 12-4:30 Tues 12-4, 5-8

CREATIVE PROCESS

For intermediate and senior dancers. Each Monday
starting in September 5:00-5:45pm

PAW PATROL & SING! DANCE CAMPS

August 18

Ballet, Jazz, Creative Movement, Hip Hop, Tap, Crafts
and more! 10-12pm 6-8year olds (sing)

1-3pm 3-5yr olds (Paw Patrol)

MANE EVENT Salon & Event Hall

It is a bittersweet time for us, we have decided to
put the hall up for sale.

It has been one heck of a ride and we've loved every
minute of it! Ok almost every minute.. unfortunately
running a business with our young boys has our plate a
little too full.

We'd also like to send a huge thank you out to Carol
Johnstone, Teena Nelson & Trudy Harris. The women in
the background keeping this business going!

We will stay open for events in the near future and would
love to hear from you!



Thank you for your support,
Kristy, Shea, Madden, Charley & Slade

Community Arts Initiative for Birch Hills

Lets get together and do Art!
This initiative is to

1. To create and foster an arts community
within and around Birch Hills (actual & virtual)
wherein old and young minds alike can explore
and experience the joy of creating in their
desired art mediums.

2. To have periodic art gatherings where peo-
ple can work on pieces of interest collectively
as a community (e.g. art class/ parties).

3. To have art shows periodically to reflect
local art work by artists.



I'm looking for people interested in
getting involved. You can reach me, Amy
Dow, at (306) 941- 0788. You can also find us
on Facebook Book @ bhlocalart . Keep an
eye out for posters re. contests and more

Lake Park Baptist & BH Community Church hosting..
VBS for kids (Vacation Bible School)

"Mighty Fortress"

At the Sportsgrounds

August 21st - 25th

9:30am to noon

Contact Clint 306-220-5245

Or Brian 306-981-0024



come celebrate Elmer Olchow's "big" birthday

The kids will be hosting a social
evening August 19th 7:00pm at
Crystal Springs Hall

All friends are welcome



BIRCH HILLS MINOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION**Wednesday, September 6th**

6:00 - 8:00pm

At Skating Arena

Boys & Girls Hockey

Division	Age	Year of Birth	Hockey Fee
Initiation	5&6	2011 or 2012	\$250
Novice	7&8	2009 or 2010	\$350
Atom	9&10	2007 or 2008	\$400
PeeWee	11&12	2005 or 2006	\$450
Bantam	13&14	2003 or 2004	\$500
Midget	15-17	2000,2001,2002	\$500

Volunteer **coaches & managers** are needed. Contact Jaesen at 306-749-7770 if you are interested.
Adult & Youth Referee Clinics coming to Birch Hills. Nov 5th. Keep fit and earn some extra \$\$ this winter

**KARATE Registration!**

St. Louis Karate Club is commencing with their fall training sessions on **Thursday, September 7th at 7 pm.**

Anyone interested or would like further information about Karate in St. Louis or in Saskatchewan just call or text 981-3810, or email us at

st.louis.jka@sasktel.net,

or visit our provincial website at

www.saskshotokankarate.ca.

Birch Hills Community PreSchool Registration Night

Tuesday, September 5th, 2017

7pm at the BH School Library Classes begin Sept 11.

3 year olds Wednesdays 9-11am \$315

4 year olds Monday/Thursday 9-11:30

Tuesday/Thursday 9-11:30 \$630

Payment Options available. Contact Lisa 749-3137 or Jody 749-2843

**Birch Hills SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**

The Playleaders for 2017 are

Taylor, (306-749-7789) Megan and Matthew.

Mon thru Fri 1-4:00pm at sportsgrounds

COMING UP: Field trip to Melfort Pool & Birch Tree Cafe for pizza!!



Join our facebook page for updates, notices, and other info.

Co-ed Rec Slow Pitch**Tuesday Nights 7:00pm**

Come out and cheer on your favourite players/teams

1st Pecan Sandies 2nd Balls Deep 3rd Red Dogs,**4th but Most Improved!!! YankDeez**

Join the "Birch Hills Slowpitch" Facebook page for updates and ball info

**BOUQUET OF THANKS**

The Birch Hills Ministerial Association would like to thank the community for attending the Threshing Day worship service Aug 13th. We collected an offering of \$1,092 and will use these funds to provide Christmas hampers to local families in need. Thank you for your generosity.

'Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'' (Acts 20:35).



BOUQUET OF THANKS to everyone who helped celebrate my birthday, a great milestone!

Special thanks to all my family for having such a wonderful celebration in my honor & to anyone else who helped out with the wonderful lunch that was served.

Thanks for all the lovely cards, gifts, phone calls and entertainment. Many great memories and lots of pictures were shared.

Marjorie Archibald

GREAT NEWS!!! Can & StarSkate is returning to town...

The Birch Hills skating club would like to welcome Kerstin Budnick as our CanSkate and StarSkate coach she has skated with the BH skating club since she was 4 years old and we are very excited to have her as our coach. We can't wait for the skating season to begin!

Registration Night @ arena lobby**September 7th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.**

If you are unable to attend registration night you can always email me at Amanda.rosteski@gmail.com or text 306-930-5358.

For those of you who have already registered I will be sending out an email the beginning of Sept for confirmation.

**BOUQUET OF THANKS!**

Thank you to Lyle & Kathy Evans for donating shingles to replace the roofs on some buildings at the Lions Sportsgrounds. AND on behalf of many others, thank you Kathy for the tremendous effort you put towards the Tangerine20 grant project and helping to bring in the grand prize. The skate park has become such a great asset to our community.

Laurie Berube

**RECYCLE**

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

BIRCH HILLS & AREA BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS and NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE

Is a local BH church affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and has been apart of the community since 1931.

Central to it's life and ministry, is the promotion at home and abroad of the vital cause of the Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel.

Also the church views, as of essential importance it's contribution to humanitarian work and relief efforts around the world through such agencies as ' Emergency Relief, and Development Overseas'(ERDO)

A participating member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. As well, in being blessed to be apart of the great community of BH, Glad Tidings considers it a privilege to serve the community and to contribute to and promote its overall well being & prosperity.

Sunday Services 11:00 am
101 4th Street in Birch Hills, Sk
Pastor Rod Gabriel
306-749-2723



Wednesday Evening 7pm Bible Study
Email: rgabriel@sasktel.net

Birch Hills Ladies Golf Club

The Birch Hills Ladies Golf Club was officially organized on Sept. 28, 1980 with 31 members. Our current executive consists of Gaylene Cooke, president; Sandra Barber, vice; Paula Sundbo, secretary; Jeanette Tomtene, treasurer. Gaylene and Sandra are also sharing the club captain position. We charge a nominal yearly membership fee and new members are always welcome. We golf at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday and 5:30 pm on Wednesday.

There is a weekly schedule of events from May to Sept with fun little competitions and various team games.

We stay for lunch the first Tuesday of the month and invite all of our former ladies' golf members to join us as well. On June 27 our ladies dressed up in red and white to celebrated Canada's 150th birthday.

We assisted the club house staff and Rec Director, Laurie Berube with the Nine and Dine evening which was a great success. Thanks again to all the caddies who braved the high winds and offered their expertise It made a fun addition to the game.



We all love to Golf. We all hit „and we all sometimes miss....It is a wonderful sport that we all enjoy, however some games the best thing you can say is that it was a great walk through a beautiful park like space with a friend who shares the same passion.

We will again be hosting a fully booked tournament for the Annual Texas Scramble being held on Wednesday, September 6th. It is known as the Harvest Fun Tournament We will host 80 ladies for the 9 holes of golf with an excellent meal prepared by the clubhouse staff. Our members will endeavor to provide garden/harvest prizes to all participants. Our little fruit tree garden by the first tee box in memory of Darlene Elsaesser continues to grow and our club takes pride in it.

There is still time to join us for Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Meet you at the course!

Just outside of Birch Hills is a beautiful hidden gem – a 9-hole grass green golf course, founded in 1926. The course is challenging to play; men's par is 35 and ladies' par is 37. The maintenance staff (Ed Fusick, Adam Morrison, Carl Hanson, Ethan Elsaesser and Sarah Pratchler) do a fabulous job keeping the course in pristine condition. We have a full fleet of rental carts, as well as rental clubs and pull carts.



Monday and Friday are 2 fore 1 days

(2 golfers, 9 holes \$20; not applicable on statutory holidays).

**The Ladies Club golf on Tuesdays at 9:00am and Wednesdays at 5:30pm;
the Men's Club golf on Thursdays with registration at 5:30pm and golf at 6:00pm.**

Whether you golf or not, you can always partake in a beverage, snack or meal in the licensed clubhouse or on the deck. The clubhouse menu features breakfast, sandwiches, salads and lunch specials. On the weekend, you can enjoy a fresh, homemade cinnamon bun or a grab-n-go hot dog or smokie (regular menu items are also available).

Our buns and baking are all made in-house. There is also a catering menu for your special events. The clubhouse staff Ethel Rutherford, Emma Enns, Courtney Arnestad, Megan Elsaesser, Sarah Pratcher and Jamie Tilford, manager of the pro shop and they all prepare delicious baking and meals. The Wheaton Events Building features air-conditioning and can seat up to 60 people. It is used for catered events and meetings, and can be rented for private events.

The Golf Course Board Brett Honish, Loris Ganes, Lionel Turgeon, Keith Matheson, Dale Pratt and Clubhouse Committee (Bill Yeaman, Iris Fjeld, Jamie Tilford, Laurie Berube, Keith Matheson) are planning for and designing a new clubhouse for our beautiful course. Watch for more information on this exciting initiative!

For updates on events at the golf course, you can follow us on Facebook at *Birch Hills SK Golf Course*. Call 306-749-2211 to schedule your tee time, order your meal or to book your event. Happy Golfing!





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



Book Tee Times at Clubhouse 306-749-2211
Check us on Facebook (*Birch Hills SK Golf Course*)

Monday and Fridays - 2 fore 1 golf (\$20 for 2 golfers/9holes)
Ladies Golf Tuesdays 9:30am & Wednesdays 5:30pm
Men's Night Thursdays Register 5:30pm Golf 6:00pm



HARVEST MEALS TO GO Call the Clubhouse 306-749-2211 to reserve
LUNCH SPECIALS DAILY MON-FRI
HOMEMADE CINNAMON BUNS SAT/SUN



Upcoming Events

- August 15 - Magician @ Mane Event Open to all
17 - Steak & Men's Night
18 - Paw Patrol & Sing Dance Camps
19 - Cory Braaten Golf Memorial Open
- Elmer Olchow's Bday Celebration
20 - RYSC Youth BBQ & Shoe Drop
22 - Dance registration & info night
21-25th - VBS all week
27 - BH Cemetary Walkabout & Tidy Day
30 - Birchview Farmers Market
Sept 5 - Pre-school Registration Night
- FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
6 - Ladies Harvest Fun Golf Open
- Minor Hockey Registration
7 - Skating Club registrations
- Karate registration (St Louis)
15 - St Mary's Community Luncheon
23 - Donkey Cup Open Golf Tourney
Oct 1 - Genevieve (Heffernan) Thompson Bday Tea
20 - St Marys Community Luncheon
29 - Crystal Springs Fall Brunch
Nov 3 - United Church Western Night
4 - Crystal Springs Fall Trade Show
5 - Hockey Referee Clinic SHA
17 - St Marys Community Luncheon
25 - Hockey Day in Birch Hills

10th & Final Cory Braaten Open



Memorial Golf Tournament \$10,000 Hole in One Prize

August 19th, 2017

9:00 am Start 4 Man Best Ball

\$200 entry fee per team of 4 (includes lunch)

20 teams max

Money raised will go the *Cory Braaten Scholarship* fund for a graduating student from Birch Hills High School entering into a trade.

Please register with Naomi by Aug 15th 306-314-2347

Annual Ladies Harvest Fun Open Golf Tourney

Wednesday, September 6th
Texas Scramble.
Many prizes and
lunch included

call today, this

BOOKED UP...again!!!

event fills up quickly!



Donkey Cup Golf Open

3 clubs only

(2 clubs and a putter)

2 - person scramble

Saturday September 23rd

\$70 ea includes supper & golf

Contact Brett Honish
960-0114 for more
info or to register.



Sponsored Men's Steak Night

Thursday, August 17th



Meal and prizes sponsored by Brian Stobbs
of Mackenzie Funeral Chapel

Golf fees, carts, rentals extra. Register for golf 5:30pm
Must RSVP meal at the Clubhouse by Aug 14th.



Community Funding Assists our Rec Activities in Birch Hills

BIRCH HILLS JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you a mature person looking for a little extra cash over a short period of time? Maybe extra funds for upcoming Xmas gifts? A chance to work at the place to be in town?

The Birch Hills Golf Course is looking for short term counter and kitchen staff for late August to mid October.

A Food Safe Certificate and experience working with the public would be a definite asset. You must be 19 to apply. You could work a few days a week or up to full time.

Please forward your resume or letter of interest to jganes@sasktel.net (or drop it off at the golf course) For more info on the position, please call Jamie at the golf course @ 306 749 2211.