

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, Grumpy's Confectionary and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request for mailing list to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

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Greetings,

I hope you are all getting settled in your busy schedules of school, kids activities and harvest. How wonderful to see the garden vegetables being shared at the community garden beside the post office. A great effort and much thanks to organizers Ann, Andrew, Shirley and their helpers. It is a much nicer view then an empty lot.

Sask Culture Days is coming up at the end of the month. Pick up your activity booklet this week from the Co-op. There is still opportunity for any group wanting to host a breakfast or lunch fundraiser during this weekend. Also, for the following weekend there is an opportunity for BBQ lunch for Paintball. Contact me asap if you are interested.

Ice making for the skating rink will begin end of the month and shortly after for curling. So dust off the skates and curling rocks and get ready for the upcoming season of winter sports. If there is any interest for broomball, let me know. Cheers,  
**Laurie Berube, Rec Director**

Lordy, Lordy looks who's what...??  
...And still golfing every day!!

Arnold Ganes turns 90 years young on Sept 28/13  
Celebration Oct 5 @  
Birch Hills Civic Center  
2pm - 4pm . Come & share  
a slice of birthday cake



## JUST TRY IT PAINTBALL



Host by Chevy,  
General Quarters Paintball  
Oct 5, 2013

@ the Ball Diamonds  
Registration at noon.  
Games start 1pm

\$20/person Includes helmet,  
paintball gun, and ammunition.  
Teams of 3 All Ages Welcome

## BBQ Fundraiser Opportunity

....contact Laurie 749-7451 if your  
group is interested in hosting an  
afternoon bbq lunch

SEPTEMBER issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:  
**Court Air Services,  
Mervin & Lorna Braaten  
in memory of Gary  
Braaten and  
The Tilford Family  
in memory of Arthur &  
Ester Tilford**

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 ea sponsor(3/month) towards printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for the you & the community. Individual sponsorships are welcome. Thank you for supporting your local paper.



3rd Annual  
**Brrr Chills  
Winter  
Festival??**

Are you wanting another festival? Should we skip a year? Does the week before the Feb school break work best? Do you have ideas and want to get involved?

Watch for planning meeting in October. Feedback and participation is important to let organizers know what works and what doesn't. Contact Rec Office 749-7451

## COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

**\*\*NEW to YOU\*\*** Leave your unused household goods for public taking on your front lawn the week starting September 15 through to 21st.

Items must be removed by the 21st if not taken.

Next Community Booster Meeting  
meet in the Museum Basement

**Tuesday, Sept 17, 2013 @ 7:30pm (ends 9pm sharp...we promise)**

ANYONE interested in town improvements is WELCOME

## SASK CULTURE DAYS

Culture Days is a collaborative initiative that welcomes your participation. Everyone can play a role in Culture Days: whether you are already passionate about arts and culture or curious to discover new cultural experiences, an artist, arts or cultural organization, community group, municipality, library, school, citizen, or business person, you can participate in and contribute to Culture Days! supporting local artists and promoting culture in your neighbourhood

September 27 & 28, 2013

ALL free & Fun for ALL Ages

- Flute & Fiddle – Musical Jam Sessions & Karaoke,
  - Yoga Lessons for Family, Basic Class and Men Only
  - Conversational Spanish Lesson, Museum Tours & (tentative) Native Dance,
  - Photography 101 lesson, Ukrainian Dance lessons (all ages),
  - Adult Line Dancing and Tap, Youth HipHop & Modern Dance Lessons,
  - Local Artists Display** (pending participation) Contact Laurie 749-7451 if you have art to showcase.
  - Pick up your full schedule of activities from the Birch Hills Co-op Grocery Store
- Activities offered Free to you. Sponsored through Sask Culture Grant Funding



**Jumpstart**  
Giving kids a sporting chance.

Let Money not get in the way of your kids health.

Funding assistance available through programs like Jump Start  
<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/>



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Friend or Email  
request to re-  
ceive the news  
letter online

## MARAUDER FOOTBALL NEWS

### Scheduled Games 4:00pm

- Sept 6 away vs Carrot River
- Sept 12 away vs Meath Park
- Sept 20 away vs Hague
- Sept 26 home vs Carrot River
- Oct 3 home vs Hague (3:30start)
- Oct 10 home vs Meath Park
- Oct 18 Playoffs



### **Marauder Fundraisers**

- BATTERY DRIVE** – If you have any used batteries please email [ktait@srsd119.ca](mailto:ktait@srsd119.ca) or call 306-922-2990.
  - SUNGLASSES** – “Risky Business” sunglasses for \$10
  - COUPON CARDS** – immediate discounts
- Thank you for supporting Marauder Football

## BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

**Summer Reading Club \$25 Galaxy Theatre prize winners** Most books read: Tyson Lyons  
Random Draw: Tori Dutchak

**SUMMER CRAFT for kids has ended.**  
Special thanks to Courney Arnestad for her craft leadership



### **Library Hours:**

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

**StoryTime** begins again Fridays Sept 27 1-1:45pm  
For kids 3yrs+



On August 17th there was a celebration and reunion for descendants of two century Family Farms at the home of Kelly and Kathy Braaten. Kelley's Great Grandfathers Syver Braaten and Luke Whalen were pioneer farmers of the Bonnie Hill District. Lukes daughter Gertie married Syvers son Charlie and their son Wayne later farmed the land and now his son Kelly is the fourth generation farmer. Greg Baily gave wagon rides in the afternoon. MLA, Delbert Kirsh spoke a perservance of the pioniers. Hamburgers and potluck supper conclued the day. Haskap berries and ice cream courtesty of Curtis were enjoyec. The billboard was done by Duane and Curtis. Many thanks to the Braatens, volunteers and donations that helped make the day a great event. Thanks from the descendants who enjoyed it very much!

Dolores Welsh (Whelen)

## BIRCH HILLS TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

BirchHillsTown Council met Wed. Sept. 11, 2013 getting back into their regular meeting dates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month with meetings called for 7:30,  
All councillors and the Mayor were in attendance.

### Three delegations had appointments.

Bill Yeaman Re: Street maintenance & Dust control

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director Re: Employment Review

Dean Braaten, Water Operator Re: Water treatment Plant Update

### Correspondence

- A letter was received from the Birch Hills and Area Health Foundation Inc. Re: Board of Director members, Council requires clarification on this request.
  - A request received from Jerel Wood/ Shannon Simpso to operate a Taxi Service from The Flute and Fiddle was approved by Council
  - A Thank You was received from the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans for support from the Town Council
- Mayor and Council declared October – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### Old Business

- The WTP cistern cleaning is complete with an issue in cell #1 being addressed
- The issue of Dust Control was discussed with an action plan for ongoing control being put in place
- 4 SCBA's were purchased for the Fire Dept.
- Welch Construction Paving Com. was in Town working at the Co-Op, We were offered left over materials and labour at a discount and choose to repair the first block of East Bellamy
- A new sign is ordered and will be put in place at the Waste Transfer Station.

### New Business

- A building permit for a detached garage was granted
  - Discussion re: Prince Albert Raiders Rural Night was tabled till next meeting
  - A liquor permit for the Da Crooks Slo Pitch Tournament on September 21 & 22, 2013 was approved
  - Plans are to start making ice at the rinks on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Hockey Day in Sask. is set for November 9<sup>th</sup> 2013
  - Peter Lubyk and Dean Braaten attended a Fire Department Leadership Training Seminar in Prince Albert
- Mayor, Shirley Ulvild

## **Breakfast for Learning at Birch Hills School**

We would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated of their time last year by providing baking or serving our students breakfast on Tuesdays and Fridays. Also thank you to those who made monetary donations. We cannot stress this enough-without your help this program would not be able to continue so from the bottom of our hearts, thank you so very much!

As the new school year starts it is once again that time of year to begin thinking about starting up our BFL program for the 2012/2014 year.

We are asking for the help of our wonderful community in baking muffins or loaves for us so we can begin stocking up our freezer. Any baked donations can be dropped off at the school. We also need more adult/parent help on serving days. We always have enough eager students willing to work the canteen on Tuesday or Friday mornings serving breakfast but we also need an adult/parent volunteer for each shift as well. We are in great need for parent helpers this year as we had a hard time finding many last year. You can volunteer as little or as much as you would like on any of our breakfast mornings and the shift is only from 8-9:00am, it isn't a big commitment.

We appreciate all and any help we receive so we are able to keep this beneficial program running for our very deserving students!

If you have any questions, or would like more info or are interested in helping in some way please contact Lexi Thompson at home 306-749-3454 or at the school 306-749-3301. Thank You, Lexi

## FLUTE and FIDDLE EVENTS

### Dust til Dawn - Classic Rock

Sept 28th \$20 Advance - \$25 at the door



### Big Heart Harvest Dance - October 12

Audrey Neubuhr & Mindy Sjogren

Check out [www.fluteandfiddle.ca](http://www.fluteandfiddle.ca) for more info

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

A CONTRACT MANAGER is required for management of the Birch Hills Housing Authority to oversee 38 senior units and 6 family units. The successful candidate will report to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the day to day operations of the Housing Authority.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Very good administrative skills
- Financial analysis
- Budgeting
- Property Management
- Supervision of contracted personnel
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Well organized
- Ability to maintain confidentiality

Closing Date: September 24, 2013

Submit your resume in confidence to:

Attention Jan Bliss, Vice-Chairperson

Birch Hills Housing Authority

Box 852. Birch Hills, SK. S0J 0G0

(306) 961-7401 or Email: [jasta100@msn.com](mailto:jasta100@msn.com)

## SKATING RINK NEWS

Ice is scheduled to commence making on September 30th. If you are interested in any job opportunities for the following, please contact Laurie 306-749-7451 (Box 280, Birch Hills S0J 0G0)

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Rink Caretaker** - F/T

**Arena Cleaner** -Casual

**Canteen Manager & Workers** - Hours will vary due to applicants.

**LEASING OPPORTUNITIES** -If you are interested in leasing the canteen, please submit your proposal with rental expectations.

## LADIES HARVEST TEXAS SCRAMBLE REVIEW

The first Wednesday of Sept has been the date of the Birch Hills Ladies Harvest Invitational Texas Scramble for the past many years. This year 80 women from this corner of the province hit the links under sunny, clear skies. It was a fabulous day. The course was in terrific shape thanks to Ed Fusick and his dedicated staff. Ethel and her helpers served up an excellent ham lunch. Who could ask for anything more than a great day out on the course with good company, a full tummy and then to top it all off there were baskets of garden produce, pickles, jams and baking for prizes.

The BH ladies golf club wish to acknowledge the generous donations from the Birch Hills Co-op, Brahma Insurance, Quayle Pharmacy, CIBC and Affinity Credit Union. A big thankyou to our members for organizing and bringing their "fruits of labour" to this tournament. It is a lot of work but obviously appreciated by the many who look forward each year to attending.

Mark it on Your Calendar for next year.

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



### SALSA CLASSES (similar to Zumba)

@ Dance Centre Thursdays 6:30pm  
Must have minimum 10 participants for classes to be offered in Birch Hills.  
Fun and Dancing can be expected!



DON'T YOU ROLL YOUR EYES AT ME, YOUNG MAN!

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Birch Hills Library seeking substitute for library.  
Contact Joanne if you are interested 306-749-3281



The **Birch Hills & District Combined Appeal Blitz** will be held October 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, with a table set up in the Credit Union to receive your donations. Donation forms will be in your post office box the last week of September. However, if you requested no flyers, you will not receive a form. They will be available for you at the Credit Union.

Just think – no door-to-door canvassers. Donate at your leisure and receive your receipt at the same time. See you there!

## 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 Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482

### TUESDAY

Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665  
Ladies Golf 9:30am Men's Night Golf 5:30pm  
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  
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



### THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
Library Open 12 - 4:30pm  
Pathfinders Contact Audrey 749-2217  
St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500

### FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St  
Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** resumes Sep 27 1pm  
Flute and Fiddle Steak Night & Open Mic 5-12am All Welcome

### SATURDAY / SUNDAY

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

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11am  
Birch Hills Lutheran Church @ 428 Bellamy Ave 11:30am  
Birch Hills United Church @ 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am  
(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 9:00am  
St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11am

**Birch Hills Cowboy Church**  
@ Community Centre  
1st Sunday of each month  
**Next Oct 6th 7:00pm**



Featuring Country Gospel Music  
with down home bible message.  
All Welcome.

Refreshments to follow.  
Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

### COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

#### Senior Hall

Vel Bompais at 749-3364 Rentals  
**Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion**  
Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Rentals  
Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info



#### 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

#### Community Garden

Ann Woods 306-749-3237

'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 Centre,  
Birch Hills Blackhawks, General  
Quarters Paintball, Birch Hills Com-  
munity 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 events

### Birch Hills & District Recreation

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director  
Box 280 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0  
Fax: 306-749-2545  
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net  
Text or call cell: 306-749-7451  
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,  
...grow together!



### BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE CORNER

Clubhouse is serving fresh, homemade lunches.

Call to Pre-Order 306-749-2211

#### TIME IS RUNNING OUT....

**FUNday Mondays** 2 for 1 round (until 5pm)  
**LADIES GOLFING** Tues 9:30am & Wed 5:30pm  
**MENS NIGHT** Tuesday 5:30pm  
**Thirty Thursdays** 1 round of golf & cart for \$30



The **Pelletier Guitar and Music Camp** has officially 'retired', after a successful 12 years'. Freddie and I would like to thank everyone from the community who attended over the years. It's been a pleasure and an honor to provide this service to you. Many thanks to our neighbors out on 'Bonnie Hill' for putting up with the traffic every summer. Thanks also to everyone that came out to listen to our free evening concerts. It was great to have a nice crowd for our participants and instructors to perform to and every night you were a fantastic audience! A big thanks to Jim, Barb and Jared Wicks for your kindness and donations of your time, food and even a fridge!

Thanks to Jenni Willems who often had some of our instructors perform at the New Ground Cafe over the years. I hope we haven't forgotten anyone! We very much appreciate everyone who helped us out or gave us words of encouragement!

Of course over 12 years we've accumulated alot of camp 'stuff' and will be having a **garage sale on Sept. 21st, 8am-12pm**. Don and Delores Fjeld will also be having a sale. Just head east on Hwy #3, watch for garage sale signs on the hill & at the bottom of the hill.

For anyone who might have donated anonymously to our bursary fund this year we'd like you to know that we have passed that funding

along to Freddie's son, Clint. He has opened a teaching studio in Edmonton, AB and will start a bursary fund for youth.

Over the years we've hosted over 1000 participants plus family members from as far away as Hawaii, Missouri, Montreal, Yellowknife and Qualicum Beach, BC. We've been proud to show them our community of Birch Hills and the friendliness of our little town with the big heart! Thanks again!

Sheila and Freddie Pelletier

### Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Sep 15 - New to You Recycle Goods Week  
21 - Pelletier/Fjeld Garage Sale  
26 - Highschool Football Home Game 4pm  
28 - Dust til Dawn Classic Rock F&F  
27-28 - Sask Culture Days  
29 - Brancepeth Fall Supper 5-7pm  
Oct 3 - Highschool Football Home Game 4pm  
5 - All ages Just Try It, Paintball  
- Arnold Ganes Birthday Celebration  
6 - Cowboy Church  
10 - Highschool Football Home Game 4pm  
7-11 - Combined Appeal Blitz  
12 - Big Heart Harvest Dance F&F  
16&17 - Town Office Closed for training  
26 - Halloween for kids & adults F&F  
Nov 9 - Dean Smith F&F  
11 - Legion Remembrance Day Service  
17 - Hockey Ref Clinic  
Dec 31 - New Years F&F Theme TBA

### In Loving Memory

**Gary Lynn Braaten**

**August 25, 2012**

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories were a lane  
We would walk right up to heaven  
And bring you back again.  
No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow  
But now we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
To remember all the happy times  
Life still has much in store  
Since you'll never be forgotten  
We pledge to you today  
A cherished place within our heart  
Is where you'll always stay  
**Mom, Dad and family**

### Birch Hills SloPitch League

Congratulations to Playoff Winners; the Pecan Sandies, taking out the Weldon Red Bulls in the A Finals. Good playing folks!



B-Side Winners; Blue Zone, just beating out, in the final inning, the ever consistent, and skunk prize winners; the Brahma Bulls!

Thanks for a great summer of ball. See you all next year!