

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, Quayle Insurance, Quayle Pharmacy, Grumpy's Confectionary and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend.

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October 1, 2012

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Greetings All, There is a certain buzz through the area of the upcoming elections and I personally find this exciting, as it is my first 'small town' election. Changes are inevitable and most of the time change is a great opportunity to grow and learn. When choosing who you will elect to be ambassadors for Birch Hills, make educated decisions. Avoid the gossip, guessing and assumptions and get informed.

Refrain from outside judgements and criticisms. Learn first hand who these people are and what they stand for. How? By asking them personally, reading their flyers, and attending the 'Meet the Candidates on Oct 3rd. After you have made your choices, get involved. Join a committee and make change from the inside. You may be small but you are mighty and you CAN make a difference. Take care,

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director



### Birch Hills & District Combined Appeal Blitz

will be held Oct. 1 to Oct 5 with a table set up in the Credit Union to receive your donations. Donation forms will be in your mailbox the last week of September.

The majority of the area will receive their form in the mail; 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 canvas! Donate at your leisure and receive your receipt at the same time. See you there.

This issue of our Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **Advantage Real Estate -**

### **Crystal Adams**

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 'birchhillsrec@sasktel.net' The cost is \$100 for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for the community. Individual & half sponsorships are available. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

Correction: Sept 1st paper was sponsored by Stan & Jan Bliss not Watkins Inc

### **Notice of Advance Poll**

Public Notice is hereby given that provisions have been made for an Advance Poll for electors who:

- 1: Are physically disabled;
- 2: Have been appointed as election officials; or
- 3: Anticipate being unable to vote on the day of election

Voting will take place on **Friday, Oct 19, 2012.** 5-8pm at he Birchview Nursing Home #3 Wilson St

Tara Gariepy, Returning Officer

**Rumor is one of the things that gets thicker as it spreads**

### **BIRCH HILLS CURLING RINK AGM**

October 25 7pm

All who are interested in the rink are welcome to attend



Flu Clinic October 16, 2012

9:30 to 12 (noon)

Birch Hills Senior Hall

Contact : Inez Shilling 749-2716

### **BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY PATRON APPRECIATION TEA**

Thursday October 18 12-4:30

Free Coffee and Donuts

at the Library on McCallum Avenue



### **LEARN TO PLAY LACROSSE**

for Boys & Girls all Ages

Thursday, October 11

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Behind the School

Learn the rules and basic skills of how to play lacrosse.

Bring your friends. Sponsored by Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



### **Skating Rink CleaningBee**

Saturday October 6th

Starting 10am.

Lots of little and big jobs. If you can spare 1, 3, 5 hours and a little bit of elbow grease, please feel free to stop in at the rink. Lunch Provided

### **Birch Hills High School Marauder Football**

Oct 3 vs Rosthern

Meal & Snacks on site

Games start

4:00 in football field behind school

Listen for the Cheers!!





## BIRCH HILLS BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Advantage Real Estate Services Inc - Local Real Estate Expert Crystal Spiker  
1603 2nd Ave W. Prince Albert S6V 5B7  
Office 922-9070 / Mobile 749-7404 Website: [princealbertrealestate.com](http://princealbertrealestate.com)

Born and raised in rural Saskatchewan, Crystal Spiker knows the true value of small town living. She is the Full time, Local Real Estate Expert in our home town of Birch Hills and its outlying areas! Here she resides and has a vested interest in the community! Crystal began a career in Real Estate 4 years ago when she was approached by her Broker Duane Braaten. He valued her 7 year background in the facilitation of adults at SIAST Woodland Campus and her many years of experience in the customer service/hospitality industry. Duane saw within Crystal's everyday actions, her positive attitude, honesty, ambition, maturity and integrity and he knew that she would be an outstanding Realtor. Crystal specializes and is licensed to sell real estate for **Residential homes, Acreage properties, and Agricultural Farmland**. From start to finish, she does it right!

Crystal is passionate about Real Estate! She loves working with Buyers and Sellers, representing them as her clients and making sure that their BEST INTERESTS are ahead of her own! She believes that organization and communication with her clients though out the entire transaction is a key to success. She knows that buying and selling real estate is a complex and an emotional experience with thousands of dollars at stake. This is why when you work with Crystal you are represented by not only her but her entire team at Advantage Real Estate Services Inc! This is a team holds over 150 years of combined Real Estate expertise within one office! This is a team that values and supports your community! A team that is locally owned and operated! And a team that will get the job done!

When you list with Crystal and her team you will receive a complementary Current Market Evaluation of your home! Your property will then be exposed to an award winning marketing program which includes television, paper print and a number of world wide websites! Let your agent Crystal take care of signage, qualifying buyers, setting up showings, open houses, and all of the legal contract writing involved in your transaction. Ask for Crystal and her team Advantage! "Good Neighbours, Good Advice"

### Birch Hills 2nd Annual Christmas Trade Show

Sat, Dec 1st at the Civic Centre 10am - 4 pm

Looking for home based business' interested in booking for this show. We would love to welcome new vendors this year!! This will be open to ANY business in Birch Hills and Area. To book a table (\$25) Susan Dutchak at 749-2772 or 981-1871 or email: [rstedutchak@hotmail.com](mailto:rstedutchak@hotmail.com)

### Birch Hills School Breakfast for Learning Program

A new school year is under way and along with that we want to begin our Breakfast for Learning program. Once again the BFL program will run on Tuesday and Friday mornings. BFL is in place to serve our K-12 students a healthy breakfast to start their day off right.

As we all know these programs cannot happen without a bit of work from alot of people. We need to start stocking up our freezer with yummy **NUT FREE** muffins, granola bars and other healthy baked goods. Our aim is to start BFL after the Thanksgiving long weekend, with the first day taking place on **Friday, Oct 12th!**

Sadly this program will not be able to continue without some help. That's where you come in-parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors and the community, we NEED your help! We are looking for people who are willing to do some baking for us from time to time. As well, we need volunteers who would like to give of their time from 8:00 am-9:30 am to serve our kids on these mornings. Whether you volunteer weekly, monthly or every couple of months, any help is greatly appreciated and very much required to help this beneficial program to strive.

If you would like more info or are willing to help out in any way please contact Lexi Thompson at 749-3454! Thank you!

### Thimble and Thread Quilting Group

is starting up again for the season.  
Monday nights at 6:30 in the activity room at the Birch View Home.



\$2.00 donation to the home each week that you come. Contact Melissa Braaten for more info 749-3482.

### HOCKEY OFFICIAL CLINIC

Sunday, November 18th  
In Birch Hills



Classroom 9am-1pm Ice 1:30-3:30

All potential officials must first complete an online training session at [www.sha.sk.ca](http://www.sha.sk.ca). Clinic fees are \$90 for ages 17 & under and \$135 for adults. Registered hockey players and coaches will receive a \$40 discount as insurance only needs to be paid with one registration. To register or for more info, please call or text Rob at 930-7635 or email [robboulding@hotmail.com](mailto:robboulding@hotmail.com)

### NOTICE OF POLL

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

A poll has been granted for the election of:  
Voting will take place on Wednesday, the 24th day of October 2012, from 9:00am to 8:00 pm at the polling places listed below.

I will declare the result of the election at 126 McCallum Avenue (Town Office) on the 25th day of October, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 am.

Polling Place Address: Birch Hills Civic Centre  
126 McCallum Avenue

Dated at Birch Hills, this 1st day of October, 2012  
Tara Gariepy, Returning Officer

Birch Hills Skating Club and the Birch Hills Legion hosts

### MONSTER BASH HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sat, Oct 27 Doors open at 8pm at the Civic Centre

Advance Tickets \$10 \$15 at the Door  
(available at Quayles Pharmacy, Quayle Agencies, Advantage Credit Union, Anna Devenis, Jackie Manson & Legion Members)

Prizes for best costume \*\*No Minors\*\*



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division Board of Education Election. Shawn Budnick and Wayne Steen running for 'trustee' in Sub Division 1

For more info visit [www.srsd119.ca/election](http://www.srsd119.ca/election)

VOTING DAY: October 24, 2012

The Birchview Farmer's Market was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who donated items, we could not have done this fundraiser without you. We have a lot of generous people in this community of ours that we should be proud of. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our event, look for details next year, we'll be doing it again!!  
Carlene Getz

A Big Thanks to everyone who came and participated in Kent Braaten's Open House event held last month at Capstone Place. Here are the winners from the day's draws & contests:

- \* 1 free round of golf @ BH golf club - Effie Cook
- \* 10 rounds of golf @ BH golf club - Jamie Tilford
- \* 1,000 Airmiles Reward Miles - Janie & Steve Carrier
- \* RCI vacation accommodation cert. - Carol Helland
- \* Weekend Getaway at Temple Gardens Mineral Spa Resort - Jennifer Fines
- \* Kids Colouring Contest - Emma Tessier

### MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENING

Wednesday, October 3rd 7-9 pm at the Civic Centre  
Birch Hills Community Boosters invites businesses and residents alike to meet the candidates running in the upcoming municipal election. Each candidate will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and provide answers on key issues about the Town of Birch Hills. Find out what the future holds for residents and businesses of Birch Hills based on the opinions and platforms of each candidate. Meet your....

#### Candidates for Mayor

Alan Bzdel Shirley Ulvild

#### Candidates for Councillor

Wayne Boyle	Tyler Cochrane
Ryan Court	Lorne Crane
Adam Dyck	Barry Evans
Lyle Evans	Brad Halayka
John Herd	Kim Lemon
Keith Matheson	Amanda Murphy
Dale Pratt	Jeffrey Pratt
Sharon Rolfes	Owen Stubbs
Terry Tessier	Graham Tweten

Event Sponsored by Advantage Credit Union, Birch Hills Community Boosters, CIBC, Quayle Agencies Inc  
For more information on the upcoming election please visit [www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/administration/elections-general](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/administration/elections-general) or contact the Town Office at 749-2232

**VOTE: OCTOBER 24, 2012**

### TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS "FALL" CLEAN-UP WEEK

Monday, October 15 - Saturday 19th

Residents are asked to have any extra compost/refuge ready to be picked up. Please have your grass clippings and yard clean up in clear bags and your branches and brush bundled in manageable pieces. The Town crew will be around at various times during the week collecting the garbage



### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

#### What is the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal?

Established in 1995, the Medal recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding volunteer service or exceptional community involvement in an area beyond their normal duties or profession.

**How do I nominate someone?** Forms can be obtained by contacting: Saskatchewan Honours and Awards Program Call Toll Free 1-877-427-5505. Fax 306-787-1269. Email [honours@gov.sk.ca](mailto:honours@gov.sk.ca). Website [www.ops.gov.sk.ca](http://www.ops.gov.sk.ca)  
Deadline for nominations is October 18

Having a kids birthday party or small gathering?? The Seniors Hall rents out by donation *Hall, Kitchen, Tables, and Floor Bowling*. Contact Vel Bompais at 749-3364

## NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL

[Subsection 160.23(2) of the Act]

FORM E

The Rural Municipality of Birch Hills No. 460, Municipal Elections 2012.

Whereas **Alan Evans**, nominated for the office of Reeve, is the only candidate, I hereby give notice that no voting for the office will take place on October 24, 2012.

Whereas **Chris Hovdebo**, nominated for the office of Councilor for Division No. 1, is the only candidate, I hereby give notice that no voting for the office will take place on October 24, 2012.

Whereas **Steven Adams**, nominated for the office of Councilor for Division No. 3, is the only candidate, I hereby give notice that no voting for the office will take place on October 24, 2012.

Whereas **Dean Manson**, nominated for the office of Councilor for Division No. 5, is the only candidate, I hereby give notice that no voting for the office will take place on October 24, 2012.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2012

(Returning Officer) Shirley Pratchler

### TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2012

#### **Vote on October 24, 2012**

Your vote in a municipal election will impact the quality of life in your community. Municipal councils make decisions about things that are crucial elements of daily life.

Your vote will impact the current and future sustainability of your community. Your vote is your opportunity to send a message on how you want your community governed. The more votes cast, the more powerful the message. Every vote counts. Your vote is your voice. Don't let others speak for you.

#### **Who can vote?**

To vote in a Saskatchewan urban municipal (town) election, you must

be a Canadian citizen on the day of the election, *and*

be age 18 years or older, *and*

have resided in Saskatchewan for at least six months, *and*

on the day of the election, in the case of a municipality *other than* a Resort Village, you must be a resident of the municipality for at least three months, *or*

the owner of assessable land situated in the municipality for at least three months

#### **What to Look for in a Candidate - A Voter's Guide**

As a voter, you may or may not know which candidate(s) to vote for. Depending on the issues facing your municipality, you may want to attend the meet the candidates evening (candidates' forum) to see where candidates stand on a particular issue.

Municipal Affairs has also prepared a *Candidates Scorecard* to assist voters when evaluating candidates on some general areas of interest.

You can view this at <http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/Elections/Voters/Scorecard> or stop by the town office for a copy.

#### **Voter Identification**

As of March 2012 new requirements for voter identification for municipal elections are in effect similar to those in place for federal and provincial elections.

The purpose of the voter ID requirements is to maintain the integrity of local election processes.

Your name and address must appear in some form on your voter identification documents.

Bringing proper identification will ensure your voice is heard and will help your local election run as smoothly as possible. Photo identification is your best option but there are other alternatives available to you.

**To learn more about acceptable voter identification options visit:** [www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/voterID/voters](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/voterID/voters)



## EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

### MONDAY

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
T.O.P.S. 5-6pm at the Health Centre  
Thimbles & Threads 6:30pm at Birchview Melissa 749-3482



### TUESDAY

Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665  
Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm  
Crystal Springs Bingo (Until Dec 4th) 7:30pm at the Crystal Springs Hall

### WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing Senior Hall 9:30-11 am Carol 749-3173 **till mid Oct**  
Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9:00-4:00pm Great Deals  
Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm

### THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364



### FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St  
Storytime for 3 - 4 yr olds 1-1:45 at the Birch Hills Library  
RYSC Youth corner of 2nd and Bellamy Call for details 749-2478  
TLC Bingo 3rd Friday of the month at the Civic Centre 7 - 9pm

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

## FALL SUPPERS IN THE AREA

Saturday, October 20th - Weldon Villa  
Sunday, October 21st - Yellow Creek  
Sunday, October 28th - St. Louis  
Sunday, November 4th - Wakaw  
Sunday, November 18th - Domremy  
(submitted by Shirley Ulvild)



### Bouquet of Thanks!

The Birch Hills Ladies Golf Club would like to thank everyone who helped make our Harvest Fun Invitational Tournament a huge success, that was held on Sept 5th. Special thanks to all our members who donated so generously. Our annual fall meeting will be held on Monday, Oct 15th. Golf at 3pm (weather permitting) Pizza at Ruby's House at 6pm (212 Taylor)

Pres, Myrtille Brown

It has been decided! The **2013 Brrr Chills Winter Festival** will run February 8 - 16th. Plans have begun but there is room for more. The next Winter Festival Planning Meeting is Tuesday, Oct 30 7:30pm in the museum basement. All ages are welcome



## Birch Hills Library

### Storytime

Every Friday afternoon

1:00 - 1:45

for 3 & 4 year olds



## THE FLUTE AND FIDDLE

### GRAND OPENING!!

Friday, November 10 Family BBQ and Open Stage  
Free Admission 5:30-8:30 Grambo Bros 9:00 - 2:00am  
Advance Tickets \$15, available on line or \$20 at door  
Sunday Brunches Starts November 11 10am-2pm  
November 16 Teen Dance

Watch for Upcoming Events at [www.fluteandfiddle.ca](http://www.fluteandfiddle.ca)

### NEW local Facebook page

'Birch Hills Bargain Basement' buy, sell, trade your unused treasures



'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

'Like' our facebook page to get activity updates.  
Feel free to add your own event or activity info ...It's your page too!



## KNITTING GRANNIES

On Sept 25 the Knitting Grannies met to continue working on their projects while enjoying a cup of coffee with new and old friends. Their next get together will be on Oct 9 at 1pm in the Seniors Hall with each donating \$2 for the use of the hall. A few shawls have already been completed and are waiting to be given away. If you know of someone in need of a "hug" or comforting an would like a shawl to give to them, please contact Florence 749-2795, Shirley 749-2416 or Marilyn 749-2286. Donations of yarn or cash are accepted at any time.



Funding Provides Recreational Activities

## CHRISTMAS TRADE SHOW

Sat, Nov 24th 10-3pm

At the Crystal Springs Hall.

Tables are \$15, please call

Brenda 749-1190 or 749-2631.

Lunch is available



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

## Birch Hills Recreation

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director  
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Tel: 306-749-2251 Fax: 749-2545  
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net  
Text or call cell: 749-7451  
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,  
...grow together!

## CO-OP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 27th

Proceeds will go towards a new Golf Clubhouse.  
Watch for more details in the next  
newsletter

Volunteers welcome to help.  
Talk to Gerry 749-2255



## FOR SALE BY TENDER

- \* 1992 Chevrolet Silverado C2500 Truck
- \* 1987 GMC 2500 Series Truck
- \* 2003 Jacobsen Mower HR5111
- \* 1985 Bush Hog Mower
- \* 1984 Sweeprite Street Sweeper SR2400

All equipment sold "as is, where is"  
Please submit tenders to the town office by  
4:00 on October 23, 2012.

For more information, contact the town  
office at 749-2232

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL WALK TO  
SCHOOL MONTH  
INTERNATIONAL WALK  
TO SCHOOL WEEK  
October 8 - 12



Less than 15% of Saskatchewan kids are  
getting the daily activity they need



## CLUBHOUSE CORNER

Pending weather the course will be closing October 15th

**The Staff and Golf Course Board would like to thank  
you for your patronage this past season. See you in the Spring**



**Adult Volleyball**  
Wed & Sun Nights.  
Starting October  
17th 8-9:30pm  
\$2 to play at BH  
School Gym.  
All are Welcome

## SaskEnergy Hockey Day In Birch Hills

**Sat, Nov 17th**  
Community Break-  
fast, Minor Hockey  
Games, Skating Rou-  
tines, Canteen Spe-  
cial, Silent Auction  
and more...watch for  
details. Progressive  
50/50 tickets on  
sale now.

## Lutheran Ladies Christmas Program

7:30pm Dec 4th  
Watch for details

COMING SOON...  
**Sunday Brunch  
and Family Skate**  
at the Birch Hills  
Arena for the 2012  
-2013 season.  
Starts October 21st  
10 - 2pm



Please Share Paper  
with a Friend or Email  
your request to re-  
ceive the news letter  
online

## Birch Hills Upcoming Events

- Oct 1-5 Combined Appeal Blitz  
3 - Football BH vs Rosthern  
3 - Meet the Candidates Evening  
6 - Skating Rink Cleaning Bee  
11 - Lacrosse Clinic  
8-12 Walk to School Week  
13 - Nipawin Fiddling Contest  
15-19 - Fall Clean Up Week  
16 - Flu Clinic  
- Community Boosters Meeting  
17 - Volleyball Starts (Wed/Sundays)  
18 - Patrons Appreciation Tea  
19 - Advance Poll  
19 - TLC Daycare Bingo  
24 - Town & RM Council, Mayor &  
Reeve, School Board Election Day  
25 - Curling Rink AGM  
27 - Co-op Pancake Breakfast  
27 - Halloween Monster Bash  
30 - Winter Festival Meeting  
Nov 3 - Bake & Craft Sale  
10 - Flute and Fiddle Grand Opening  
16 - TLC Daycare Bingo  
- Teen Dance  
17 - Hockey Day in Birch Hills  
17 - Chef Jenni Book Launch  
18 - Referee Clinic  
24 - Women's Hockey Tournament  
- Crystal Springs Trade Show  
23-25 - Jr Men's Curling Provincials  
Dec 1 - Home Business Tradeshow  
4 - Lutheran Ladies Christmas Program

## PUMPKIN PATCH PICK UP and DROP OFF

Do you have an over abundance of  
pumpkins? Bring them to the  
Community Garden beside  
the post office for others to  
enjoy carving or baking



## Birch Hills Community Boosters Fall Handmade Crafts & Home Baking Sale

Saturday November 3rd 10-3pm  
Birch Hills Civic Centre  
Tables \$20 Noon luncheon  
and coffee breaks. Phone  
749-2784 to book your table

