

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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**November 15, 2012**

Greetings new and faithful readers,



Please note that the next paper will be issued by December 5th. I do ask that you send your entries to me as soon as possible.

There are many upcoming events and I believe everyone will be able to find something to participate in. Get out and have some fun! Enjoy another jam packed newsletter.

**Laurie Berube, Recreation Director**

Saron & Birch Hills Community Church

Fall Meeting

November 23-25

Guest Speaker Pastor Harold Rust

**Friday** 7pm at Saron Church

**Saturday** 6:30pm Banquet at Civic Ctr

\$15 available at the youth centre

**Sunday** 11:00am Joint Church Service

at the Civic Centre

Contact Kathy for more details 749-2478

## CRYSTAL SPRINGS

### CHRISTMAS TRADE SHOW

Sat, November 24th 10-3pm

In Crystal Springs at the Hall.

25 Tables of goodies for sale

Lunch available



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**Hockey Day in Birch Hills**

**Saturday, November 17th**

**8:00-10:00am at the Civic Centre**

Community Breakfast served by  
past & new Town Council.

**10:30-9:30pm**

Minor Hockey Games,  
Skating Routines & Canteen Specials (see schedule pg 4)

**8:00pm-2:00am at Civic Centre**

End the day with an evening of DJ  
Dancing hosted by the Blackhawks  
Senior Hockey Team.

\$10 advance tix available at the  
Co-op or \$15 at the door.

Silent Auction, Raffles and more...

**Progressive 50/50** tickets on sale  
now at the rink canteen and other  
businesses in town. Draw is on 17th

**Total is at \$340** (as of Nov 14)

If you have a raffle prize you would  
like to donate or 50/50 money,  
please bring to rink canteen

**Let's celebrate our Skating Arena  
in our community!**

**Issue 34**

This issue of our Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:

**King George Hotel**

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.

**DROP IN**

**CO-ED REC  
HOCKEY**



Monday nights

9:30-11:00pm Skill not  
required, but proper  
equipment is.

\$10 drop in Fee

**Goalies play for free.**

Contact Natalie for more  
details 960-3408

## RYSC YOUTH Fall Supper and Silent Auction



Sunday November 18th 5:00 - 7:00pm

At The Civic Center

Adults \$10, 10 & under \$6 Preschool free

Tickets available at the door

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:**

Trip for 2 anywhere Westjet flies

Autographed SK Roughrider Merchandise

Check out photos & merchandise on Facebook

Proceeds go towards the Skatepark Basketball Court



## HOCKEY OFFICIAL REF CLINIC

**Become a hockey ref, make some \$\$**

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 [robbooulding@hotmail.com](mailto:robbooulding@hotmail.com)





## WELCOME BACK SR HOCKEY SCHEDULE FOR NOV / DEC

Sat, Nov 24 Away Game @ Flying Dust 8:00 pm  
 Fri, Nov 30 Home Game vs Muskeg Lake 8:30 pm  
 Sat, Dec 1 Home Game vs Whitefish 8:00pm  
 Fri, Dec 21 Away Game @ Northwest Rebels 8 pm  
 Sat, Dec 22 Away Game @ St Louis Blues 8:00pm  
 Sat, Dec 29 Home Game vs St Louis Blues 8:00 pm

**GO BLACKHAWKS, GO!**

## Birch Hills Skating Arena hosting 1st Annual Women's Hockey Tournament

Saturday, November 24 Games start 9am  
 Seeking volunteers to help with ref-ing,  
 clock, beer gardens, and various other light  
 duties. Contact Laurie or Natalie Matheson if you  
 can help. Thx



## SKATING RINK NEWS

We are in full swing at the skating rink.  
 The canteen will be open 3:30 Mon-Fri, the grill & deep  
 fryer will be available after 5:00 and close after the last  
 period of the last game or after the last practice has  
 begun. Please feel free to order take out meals for after  
 games or practices before the kitchen closes.

Canteen hours will extend to weekends for games,  
 tournaments and special events.



## Public Skate Times

(pending ice rentals) will be:

**Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00pm.**

Shared ice: half hockey sticks /half skating only

**NEW Tuesdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm** Mr Vey supervising

**Sundays Brunch & Family Skate 10-2pm** No sticks

**NEW Saturday Shiny 2:00-4:00** when no tournaments  
 or games are schedule...Watch rink calendar board

Remember there is a **public skating fee** of \$3 each or  
 you can purchase a Rink membership for **\$75 family rate**  
 or **\$30** per individual or minor hockey/skating family  
 rate. Please pay at the canteen.

During the winter season we will be serving:

**Sunday Brunch Specials** from 10:00 - 2:00 pm and each

**Monday Lunch** Homemade Meal Specials 11:30 - 1:30pm

**NEW - Birthday Party Special** minimum 10 kids, 1 hour  
 private ice time, hotdogs, fries & soda. \$150 /party  
 Contact Laurie 749-7451 for more info or for ice rentals.  
 Hockey Schedules soon available at [www.birchhills.ca](http://www.birchhills.ca)

## KG Hotel & Bar is under new management!

Donna would like to invite you all to a

**Pre-Grey Cup Party** November 23rd

DJ will be there food will be available and the  
 party will be on!!

Come in and see and enjoy the new atmosphere.

Hope to see you all there

## St Mary's Anglican Church Festive Dining

Featuring Northern Blend Quartet

Sunday December 2 Cocktails 5:00pm

Buffet Supper 6:00pm

Advance Tickets Only \$25

Call 749-3190

## Birch Hills Cookie Walk & Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 1, 2012

Cookies, Squares, Meat Pies, etc

2:00 - 4:00pm at St Mary's Anglican/

St Ann's Church in Birch Hills on McCallum Ave



## HOCKEY DAY IN BIRCH HILLS SCHEDULE

10:30 Novice vs St Brieux

1:00 IP vs Kinistino

2:30 Atoms vs St Brieux

5:00 PeeWee vs Nipawin Blk

7:30 Midgets vs Melfort #2

Canteen Specials All Day and Pancake Breakfast at  
 the Civic Center 8-10am

## Legion Membership Renewal Cards

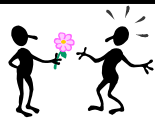
have arrived and are ready for pickup.

2013 Membership dues have remained at last years  
 rate of \$45.00 per member. The Early Bird Award  
 Date closes November 30th so please re-new your  
 membership today.

Membership Chairperson is  
 Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571

## 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 & Area. \$25 to book a table  
 Susan Dutchak at 749-2772 or 981-1871 or email:  
[rstedutchak@hotmail.com](mailto:rstedutchak@hotmail.com)



### Bouquets of Thanks

\* TLC Daycare would like to thank the Lake Park Youth center for their generous donations.

\* The Golf Course would like to thank Lake Park Baptist Church for their contributions towards the new Clubhouse. Funds were donated from the Show & Shine last August.

\* On behalf of Ranch Ehrlo, Alicia Balicki, would like to thank Gord Hood for his donation of pumpkins at Halloween.

### Flute and Fiddle Grand Opening a Success!

On behalf of everyone at the Flute and Fiddle we would like to thank our community for all the support that made our Grand Opening on the November 10th weekend an amazing success!



Our upcoming events and tickets will be posted on our website, [www.fluteandfiddle.ca](http://www.fluteandfiddle.ca) and at the Clay Oven Café.

We will have many different types of events starting with a dinner and Christmas Concert on December 1st, a Family BBQ and Bluegrass Concert / Dance on December 22nd and bringing in the new year with a local rock and roll band December 31st. We will also be available to host other group events and will be open every Sunday for Sunday Buffet Brunch. Keep checking in for upcoming community events.



The Birch Hills Sno Posse would like to wish everyone a safe and happy snowmobile season. Please ensure that all new riders receive the proper training.

The Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association and the Province of Saskatchewan have just announced that **ONLINE SNOWMOBILE SAFETY** Training will be available November 19, 2012 at 8:00 am!

Anyone born on or after January 1, 1989 is required by law to complete a snowmobile safety training course. The online safety course is available all year round. It costs \$45 a person, and can be accessed at [www.sasksnow.com](http://www.sasksnow.com). Take the course at your convenience and at your own pace and let's keep our snowmobilers safe!

For more information, or if you are interested in hands-on training, please contact any member of the Birch Hills Sno Posse or our club president, Peter Lubyk at 980-7674. Visit us on Facebook too.

## BIKE BOB/BOB McRURY HOUSE PROJECT

As you may have heard around the community, we are planning to do a COMMUNITY PROJECT to replace Bob's house. We have done repairs over the past years but these have only been a band aid and the house really needs replacing instead. We are asking for your assistance in this project. If you are skilled in carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing, etc. we need you. Also, if you are willing to donate building supplies or money towards this, we need you. Many individuals and businesses have already come forward offering their services and we are most grateful for the positive response.

A "Bob's House" account has been set up at the Birch Hills Credit Union where donations can be made for the project. We want this to be a community project. (One of perhaps many future ones like it.)

The blueprints have already been drawn up and we hope to get going on the building very soon. If you would like to help out on weekends, evenings or whenever OR if you have any questions please call the project coordinators: Orvin Opseth 749-2261 or Vili Bati 749-2760 or Kevin Hawreschuk 749-3193

WE ARE A SMALL TOWN  
WITH A BIG HEART



It has been decided!

The **2013 Brrr Chills Winter Festival** will run

February 8 - 16th, 2013



Most activities will be similar to the 2012 festival.

ie: **Tobogganing & Bonfire, Sno-Posse Rally, Museum Supper, School Carnival, Curling, Sr Luncheon & Games, Sr Hockey Game, Library Breakfast.**

We are looking for organizers/helpers for the following:

**Sno-Pitch,**

**Snow Stomp Family Dance,**

**'Wish I was in Hawaii' Valentines Dinner**

We are looking for participation in the following:

Light Parade (*light up your ride*),

Birch Hills Talent Night (*your time to shine*)

Country Gospel (*if you can sing it, sign up*)

Snow Sculpting (*let's hope & pray for snow*)

Febru-hairy Contest (*let it grow, let it grow, let it grow*)

Plans have begun but there is room for more. Call or email Laurie for more details. The next Winter Festival Planning Meeting is **Tuesday, December 4**

**7:00pm** in the museum basement.

All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate



## Birch Hills Job Opportunities:

The skating rink is looking for individuals to fill the following positions:

**Ice Maintenance Person.** Training will be provided. You will be responsible for keeping the rink arena clean of garbage, performing air quality checks, general maintenance with zamboni, and flooding the ice. This is a contract position and wages are based on experience and are negotiable. You will have on call helpers available.

**Contract Arena Cleaner:** You will be responsible for cleaning the skating arena, including entrance ways, Downstairs dressing rooms, upstairs lobby and bathrooms, three days/week. This is a tendered position:

**Canteen Helper:** This is a part-time position 10-20hrs per week. You will have worked in customer service fields, have knowledge to use a grill and deep fryer and be available on week-ends. This position will relieve and work with the current Canteen Worker. Wages negotiable and dependent on experience.

If you are interested, please submit tenders or resumes to Laurie at [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

## ***JOB OPPORTUNITY in Birch Hills CIVIC CENTRE JANITOR***

Accepting tenders for the contract for:  
Janitorial Services to the Birch Hills Civic Centre. The Town will supply all necessary janitorial supplies and equipment for the janitor to perform required duties as outlined in the Janitorial Agreement.

Successful applicants will require a criminal record check, with the position beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Please submit tenders by 4:00 pm on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to:  
Town of Birch Hills, Box 206 BIRCH HILL SK S0J 0G0

## **BOUQUET OF THANKS**



On behalf of the Golf Board & Clubhouse Committee, we'd like to thank Gerry McCann and Co-op Staff for hosting a Breakfast Fundraiser and for generating over \$600 towards the new Clubhouse

## **Minor Hockey Games for November/December**

Nov 17th	HOCKEY DAY IN BIRCH HILLS all day
Nov 18th	Atoms vs Hudson Bay
Nov 21st	PeeWee vs Porcupine Plain
Nov 28th	Novices vs Melfort Mustangs
Dec 4th	Atom vs Tisdale Black
Dec 5th	PeeWee vs Melfort Mustangs
Dec 6th	Midgets vs Melfort #1

**COME CHEER ON OUR KIDS!!**

## **BOUQUET OF THANKS**



The family of Lois Tilsley would like to send a heartfelt Thank-You. To everyone that visited, brought food & baked goodies for the family. Thank you to all for the cards, words of encouragement, the prayers, and all the support we have received through this difficult time from all of you. It has been greatly appreciated.

With heartfelt thanks  
The Erickson & Tilsley Families

## **Birch Hills Council News**

At the regular council meeting on Tues, Nov 13, Tara Garipey, Birch Hills Town Administrator, presided over the inaugural meeting when Mayor Shirley Ulvild, and Councilors Tyler Cochrane, Barry Evans, John Herd, Dale Pratt, Sharon Rolfes and Owen Stubbs, took their oath of office. They are now prepared to serve the Town of Birch Hills for the next four years. The new councillors then chose the committees of council that they wished to serve on. The Deputy Mayors were set for the following twelve months with each councillor taking two months.

Mayor Ulvild then called the regular meeting to order. Correspondence was received

- \* The RCMP Quarterly report
- \* EPS management - a monthly report by the Bylaw Officer which council felt working very well for the town
- \* The Birch Hills Curling Club is hosting the Jr Men's Provincial Curling championship and the mayor will represent the town at the luncheon on November 24 at 1:00 pm

- \* The new and former councillors will serve a breakfast at the Civic Centre on November 17th, from 8 to 10am as part of Hockey Day in Birch Hills. You are all invited to come!

- \* MR Web Sight Design is working on the new website for Birch Hills.

John Herd will attend the 2012 Suma Regional Meeting on November 21 in Tisdale.

- \* A sidewalk sweeper attachment is being ordered for the Kabota tractor.

A lengthy meeting saw many ideas exchanged with the two former councillors bringing the new ones up to date.

We will share our council news on a regular basis. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2012.

Mayor, Shirley Ulvild

## 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 6:30pm at Birchview Melissa 749-3482  
Curling Mixed League 7:30-9:30pm 749-2951  
Drop in Hockey at the Skating Rink \$10 ea Goalies Free Natalie 960-3408

### 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  
Senior Curling League 1:30-3:30pm 749-2951  
Sparks 6-7pm / Brownies 6-7:30pm Contact Audrey 749-2217  
Awana for kids Ages Kindergarten-Gr 6 6:45-8:30.  
Call 749-3185 or www.lakepark.ca



### WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing CONTINUES 9:30-11am at the Sr Centre  
Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9:00-4:00pm Great Deals  
Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm  
Volleyball School Gym 8-9:30 \$2 Drop In All Welcome  
Girl Guides 6:30-8pm Contact Audrey 749-2217



### THURSDAY

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
ZUMBA 9-9:45pm at the Dance Centre \$10 drop in Nov 1- Dec 20  
Curling Mixed League 7:30-9:30pm 749-2951  
Pathfinders 6:30-8pm Contact Audrey 749-2217



### 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  
Senior Curling League 1:30-3:30pm 749-2951  
TLC Bingo 3rd Friday of the month at the Civic Centre 7 - 9pm



### SUNDAY

Brunch & Family Skate at the Rink 10-2pm (subject to change, pending rentals)  
Volleyball School Gym 8-9:30 \$2 Drop In All Welcome

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

Having a kids birthday party or small gathering??  
The Seniors Hall rents out by donation their *Hall, Kitchen, Tables, and Floor Bowling.*



Contact Vel Bompais at 749-3364



### KNITTING GRANNIES

2012 Meeting Dates:  
Nov 27, Dec 11

Shawls now available for anyone in need of comforting.

Donations of yarn or cash are accepted at any time.

Contact: Florence 749-2795, Shirley 749-2416, Marilyn 749-2286

Knitting classes were cancelled due to lack of advance registration. If there is interest the Grannies are willing to teach. Just let them know

### DROP IN RECREATION

#### VOLLEYBALL

in the School Gym  
Wednesdays & Sundays

8 - 9:30pm  
\$2 to play You don't have to be good to play, you just have to have fun!



### 'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

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

#### Other Local Facebook pages:

Birch Hills Bargain Basement, Birch Hills Mamas, Birch Hills Dance Centre, Birch Hills Blackhawks, Birch Hills Sportsground Upgrade, General Quarters Paintball, Birch Hills Community Garden, Birch Hills Sno-Posse

'Like' these pages to become part of these groups activities and events



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

### THE FLUTE AND FIDDLE



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

## Birch Hills Recreation

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director  
Box 280 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0  
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!

### Nov 30/Dec 1 **2 Person Open Bonspiel**

Sign up w/ Robyn or Wayne 749-2951  
\$50/team, 100% payout for winners  
Max 16 teams, 3 games



### Watch for upcoming curling bonspiels

Jan 18 Family Funspiel  
Jan 25/26 Fireman's Bonspiel  
Feb 9/10 Ladies Bonspiel  
Feb 25 - Mar 1 Senior Bonspiel Week  
Mar 8 - 10 Open Bonspiel  
Mar 22 - 24 2 Person Tuffspiel

### CLAY OVEN CAFÉ NOW OPEN!

The Clay Oven Café opened Monday, November 12th. We will be open for breakfast and lunch, Monday to Friday for the first few weeks and then will be expanding our hours of operation in the near future.

Our hours will be posted at the café

  
**Ladies Icelandic Christmas**  
Tuesday December 4  
Birch Hills Lutheran Church  
Special Guest Pastor Iris Krist Janspottir  




Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

The Birch Hills Historical Society will hold their Annual General Meeting and Pot Luck Supper on Friday, December 7th. Supper 5 pm Meeting to follow, **Everyone Welcome.**

## CURL-A-DROME NEWS



The Curling rink board welcomes you back for another great season of curling. Mixed League Curling will begin Thurs Nov 1st & Senior League starts on the 2nd.

Mon & Thurs 7:30-9:30pm Mixed League

Tues & Fri 1:30-3:30 Senior League

### Watch for more details on Wed Night 2 Person Super League

On Nov 23-25, we will host Northern Junior Mens Provincial Playdowns Bonspiel. Another Great Opportunity for Birch Hills Volunteers needed to help at door, canteen & other areas

### 2012-2013 Membership Fees

Adult Rate \$225 for one night \$275 for two nights

Senior Rate \$225 for league 80yrs+ \$175

Family Rate \$475 Student Rate \$100 Spare \$125

Drop In Rate \$10

Contact Robyn at 749-2951 for private ice rentals or other inquiries

### FALL SUPPERS IN THE AREA

#### Last 1 of the Year...

Sunday,  
November  
18th -



**Domremy**  
(submitted  
by S Ulvild)

Glad Tidings  
Tabernacle (4th  
St) hosting special  
Gospel Musical  
guest **LARRY  
STRAND**  
Dec 2 7pm  
Evening Snack to  
follow.  
Free will offering



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

## Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Nov 16 - TLC Daycare Bingo  
- Teen Dance at Flute & Fiddle  
17 - Hockey Day in Birch Hills  
18 - Referee Clinic  
- Youth Fall Supper & Silent Auction  
20 - Community Booster Mtg  
23 - Pre Grey Cup Party at KG  
24 - Women's Hockey Tournament  
- Crystal Springs Trade Show  
23-25 - Northern Junior Men's Provincial  
Curling Playdowns  
23-25 - Saron & Community Church Fall Mtg  
27 - Knitting Grannies Mtg  
30 - Blackhawks vs Muskeg Lake  
Nov 30/Dec 1 - 2 Person Open Bonspiel  
Dec 1 - Home Business Tradeshow  
- St Mary's Cookie Walk  
- F&F Christmas Concert  
- Blackhawks vs Whitefish  
2 - Glad Tidings presents 'Larry Strand'  
- St Mary's Festive Dining  
4 - Lutheran Ladies Icelandic Christmas  
- Winter Festival Meeting  
7 - Historical Society AGM  
11 - Knitting Grannies Mtg  
15 - Hockey Day in Kinistino  
22 - F&F Family BBQ & Bluegrass  
29 - Blackhawks vs St Louis Blues  
31 - F&F New Years Dance  
Jan 18 - Family Funspiel (2adults/2kids)  
25/26 - Fire Dept Funspiel  
Feb 9/10 - Ladies Bonspiel  
8-16 Brrr Chills Winter Festival  
9 - Sno Posse Snowmobile Rally