

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

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Seasons Greetings to All,
25 days til' Christmas!! And
Santa is coming to Birch Hills...
Bring the kids to the Flute &
Fiddle, Dec 15th to see Santa,

get your pictures taken, movies will be
playing and photo packages will be
available for purchase.

For those who like to sing, come out for
carolling in the streets on Dec 10th/11th.
Special requests made to visit homes
with in town limits. Meet at the Church
on McCallum or feel free to join in where
ever the group is signing.

Don't forget to check with those in
charge of regular activities about their
hours during the Christmas break.

Happy decorating, shopping, wrapping,
baking, and meeting old friends.

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

70th Birthday Celebration
for **Edwin Rundbraaten**
Saturday, December 14th
2:00 - 4:00pm
Birch Hills Civic
Center
Your presence is
our presents' 

Photos with Santa



in Birch Hills.
December 15th
1:00 - 3:00pm

@ the Flute and Fiddle
Bring your kiddies to visit
with Santa. Photo packages
available with GreerFrancis
Photography. First come,
first served. Time may be
extended pending interest

DECEMBER issues of the Birch
Hills Community activity newslet-
ter was paid for you by: **Flute
and Fiddle Dance Centre,
Big Bend Outfitters, Marj
& Darryl Braaten Family**

If you would like to be a sponsor
of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, con-
tact Laurie at 306-749-7451/
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 wel-
come. Thank you for supporting
your local paper.

DREAMLAND OPTIMIST CLUB OF BIRCH HILLS

Cocktail Party Dec 14th Starts
6:30pm at the Flute & Fiddle
new optimists wanted.
Contact Stuart at the Clay
Oven Cafe for more info.

3rd Annual

Brrr Chills Winter Festival

PLANNING MEETING

Wednesday, December 4th, 2013

7:00pm @ the Museum Basement

If you or your committee is interested
in participating in a winter festival in
2014, please come to the
meeting or contact the Rec
Office 749-7451 with ideas



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

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING show your Christmas spirit
through love of singing **December 10 and/or 11th,**
Meet 6:30pm at the Catholic/Anglican Church
If you would like to request specific home
carolling please contact Amy 941-0788.



BIRCH HILLS BARRACUDAS HOSTING LADIES HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Saturday, December 7, 2013 @ Birch Hills Arena
raffle table, 50/50, canteen specials, and more.

Portion of proceeds towards Breast Cancer Research
and to start up the Birch Hills Ladies Hockey Team.

Come out to watch and show your support

For more info **Natalie 960-3408 or Laurie 749-7451**

BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

BIRCH HILLS SENIOR BLACKHAWKS



GAMES

Fri, Dec 6	vs Big River Braves	away game
Sat, Dec 14	vs Debden Jets	away game
Fri, Dec 27	vs St Louis Blues	8:30pm
Sat, Jan 18	vs Meadow Lake Broncos	8:00pm
Fri, Jan 24	vs St Louis Blues	8:30pm

Book a **Staff, Family or Birthday Party** at the Skating Rink. or \$95/hr ice rental or Special: \$150 for 10 kids (\$5.50 additional) 1 hour Private Ice time & burger/hotdog meal (fries/drink)
Contact 749-7451 to book today

DROP IN SCRIMMAGE

Mondays 9:30-11:00 pm
\$10 per person. Rink Members \$5, Goalies Free
Helmets & pads required.
Contact Natalie for more info



960-3408

MAY BE CANCELLED IN THE NEW YEAR IF LACKING PARTICIPATION IN DECEMBER LAST CHANCE



A "Big Thank You" to **Affinity Credit Union, Birch Hills Co-op, Brahma Insurance, Flyer Electric, and Rugged Country** for their support in sponsoring 2 sets of new jerseys for the Birch Hills/Kinistino Midget Hockey team. The boys are pleased with their new jerseys as many of the older jerseys were too small for a number of the players. We are also extremely proud of the fact that we have these local businesses and that they are willing to support our kids and community. Keeping the purchase of these jerseys locally is a bonus for all those involved.

Come out and watch our team play on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. **Hats Off to our Birch Hills Businesses!**

A BIG Thank You to all the people who contributed to the Branch #122 Legion Grey cup Pool Fundraiser.

Winners were: Hugh Sampson \$50, Bud McRory \$75, Wayne & Phyllis Braaten \$125, Boyd Pryznyk \$250. Your support is appreciated. **GO RIDERS!**
Many Thanks, John Herd



Rink memberships are available at rink canteen or town office. Help support your local skating rink.

A Ladies Hockey Team is forming nicely but there is still room for more **Ladies** (18yrs+) wanting to learn to play or who do play hockey. **Next Practices** are Dec 6, 13, 20, maybe 27th 7:00-8:00pm
Contact Laurie 749-7451 for more info.

Family Broomball? - if your family would be interested in playing some broomball, contact the Rec Dept for more info. Potential for one day a month or more if there is interest. Brooms & Balls provided. No street shoes



MINOR HOCKEY in BIRCH HILLS

Dec 2	PeeWee Game	7:00pm
3	Atom Game	6:30pm
5	PeeWee Game	7:00pm
Sat 14	Novice Game	10:00am
16	Novice Game	7:00pm
19	Midget Game	7:00pm
22	Novice Game	6:00pm

BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY INFO

Out of necessity Dec. hours of operation will need to be changed as follows:

Story Time Fridays Dec 6, 13, 20th 1:00pm

No Story Time on the following Fridays: Dec 27, Jan 4, 11, 18 but library will be 2:30-7:00pm

Also because of Christmas holidays the following changes will be made:

Mon Dec 23 open 12-4 & 5-8

Tues Dec 24 closed

Thurs Dec 26 closed

Mon Dec 30 open 12-4 & 5-8...

Tues Dec 31 closed

All normal hours resume Thurs Jan 3.

Sorry for any inconvenience. Merry Christmas from the Birch Hills Library

BIRCH HILLS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

The Wilkinson's are the best neighbours you've ever seen. In the summer he's up on the roof cleaning my eavetroughs which I am too old to do. In the winter he blew the snow off my driveway.

One of the best things is that my 2 pet crows just love Laura's goldfish. Also a reminder to Darren, all towing is now free!

Don Beaucamp

1. Many thanks to Kathy and Lyle Evans for helping me with my furnace after a long cold night.
2. Thank you to everyone who purchased jewellery made by the women of Kibera Slum in Nairobi, Kenya. I have raised \$941 so far! All thanks to you who purchased from me. All money goes back to the women of Kibera and will make an immediate difference in their lives. I guess the second one may not be a good neighbour notice. You can put it anywhere you want in the newsletter. Thank you, Ann Woods

Children's Christmas Craft

Tuesday, December 10

6:30pm-7:30pm

Birch Hills Public Library

Ages 5-12

Parents must call the library

@ 749-3281 to register their kids

Limited space available

BOUQUET OF THANKS



Thanks to the generosity of contributors a total of \$9,374.00 was raised this year for charity. Many ladies gave of their time to receive the donations and issue receipts, and the Credit Union once again allowed us to use their facilities. We thank you all, The Birch Hills & District Combined Appeal committee.

BIRCH HILL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Owners/ Operators: Reg & Tanis Quaale and Dale & Karen Pratt
Contact # 306-749-2435 or cell 961-1610

Big Bend Outfitting started in 1996 with a total of 6 hunters & has grown to over 60 this year. I bought the community hall in Hagen over 5 years ago and turned it into a lodge. It sleeps 12 hunters with a large kitchen, dining area & rec room. The lodge is available to rent in our off season. We would like to thank all the land owners and any one else who has helped us make this business a great success.



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

Birch Hills Beauties hosting the
4th Annual

BIRCH HILLS BOXING DAY BASH

December 26th, 2013

@ the Community Civic Center

Doors open at 8:00pm

\$20 advance tickets available at

Advantage Credit Union and

Grumpy's Proceeds going towards
Marauders High school Football



A huge "Thank You" to the volunteers and the community who came together to give support to the Jackson family who lost their home in a fire earlier this month. Just over \$3,000 was raised throughout the evening. It is awesome to live in a place where an idea comes forth and people make it happen. Hats off to Ian and Carol Pryzyk for not hesitating to volunteer to cook the beef and gravy, to Shirley Olson, Art Barth, Joy Bastness, Tracy Lubyk, Brandon Parenteau, Delphine Poole, Lydia Charles, Dean Braaten and to everyone who donated desserts, wouldn't have happened without you--- these guys make volunteering fun! For those unable to attend but who wish to donate to the Jackson family, a bank account has been set up at CIBC to accept donations for this family. As always, the support has been fantastic and appreciated!

Kathy Evans

COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

Has been postponed to the new year.

Next Community Booster Meeting meet in the
Museum Basement

Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 @ 7:30pm

(ends 9pm sharp...

we promise)

ANYONE interested in town
improvements is WELCOME



FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec 31, 2013 NEW YEARS EVE 50's/60's
DANCE!!** Music by *CONSTANT REMINDER*
Midnight Lunch and Champagne Toast
Tickets: \$30 advance \$40 at the door

Purchase tickets at the Clay Oven or online at
www.fluteandfiddle.ca



We can stay home Christmas Eve! This year everyone is getting music, movies and games they can download from my website!

Taxi Service in Birch Hills

We are pleased to announce the commencement of our Taxi service at the Flute and Fiddle. We are going to be running this service 7 days a week. We will take you around town, to P.A and back and even to Saskatoon if you have to catch a plane (must make arrangements in advance). Our hours of operation will be: * Monday to Saturday 9:00am to 1:00am * Sunday 12:00pm to 6:00pm Fee: \$1.50 per KM with a minimum charge of \$10.00 Waiting fee of \$30 per hour, If we wait, you will not be charged mileage on the way back just the waiting fee. **306-749-1222**

BOOK STUDY Author: Donna Van Liere

Dec 3, 10th 7:00pm

Join us, read and discuss 3 of Donna's Christmas books. The books will be provided for you.

Place: Birch Hills Library



Scotland/England Slide Presentation

December 15th

2:00pm

at Birch Hills Lutheran
Church



BIRCH HILLS DANCE CENTRE NEWS

Dancers from the Birch Hills Dance Centre have taken part in two dance events held in Saskatoon in Nov. Congratulations to Kayla Doderai for making the Top Five finalists at Triple Threat Dance Convention in early November. Kayla also was awarded one of only two scholarships at Groove Street Productions on November 17. If there are any groups or individuals interested in renting the Dance Centre for meetings, events or exercise please contact Erica at bhdc@sasktel.net or phone 749-2606.

The Flute and Fiddle

We want to thank everyone in our community for the support over the last year at the Flute and Fiddle Dance Hall. We have had a wonderful time hosting many public and private events including our regular Friday Open Mic and Steak Night. We are also excited to tell you we have just started a public "taxi" service. For more info call 306-749-1222 or go to www.fluteandfiddle.ca. You can also sign up online for our newsletter for upcoming events. We are looking forward to bringing many more years of wonderful events to our community. Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday season

One Year has passed! How are we doing?

Help us, help you by clicking or signing on to this link and answering a quick survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CZDNBCQ>

Thanks for your support over the year!



Join us at 1:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Seniors' Hall. Contact Marilyn at 749-2286 for more information.

OPEN HOUSE at Bethel House on Saturday, Dec. 7
from 10-4 each day. Or make an appointment anytime at 306.749.3311.

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



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

Drop In Co-ed Hockey 9:30pm contact Natalie 960-3408

TUESDAY

Knitting Grannies 2nd & 4th Tues of ea month @ Sr Hall

Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665

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

Optimist Club 1st Tues of the month

AWANA Kids 6:45pm @LPBC For Kids 5-12yrs / kind-grade 6

Guitar Lessons Freddie Pelletier Oct 1-mid Dec) call 749-2498



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

Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders Contact Audrey 749-2217 to join



THURSDAY

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

Library Open 12 - 4:30pm

St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500

Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall. New members welcome



FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St

Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** 1:00pm

Flute & Fiddle Steak Night, Open Mic & Karaoke Starts 5pm All Welcome

SATURDAY / SUNDAY

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

BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12 to 4 & 5 to 8 pm,

Thursdays & Fridays: 12 to 4:30 pm

StoryTime

Every Friday 1:00-1:45pm

For kids 3yrs+-



Book Study: Starts Nov 19-Dec 10

Tues & Thurs @ Library Call Maxine

749-2564 for more info

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

Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11:00am

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 11:00am

Saron Lutheran Church near Hagen 9:30am

St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:00am

St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am

'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, Flute and Fiddle,

Birch Hills Community 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

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Text or call cell: 306-749-7451
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

UPCOMING CURLING BONSPIELS

Watch for details....

Ladies Bonspiel was Dec 8/9
postponed to **January 11/12**
Includes Saturday banquet



Family Funspiel Jan 18 Bring the Kids

Firemens Bonspiel Jan 24/25

Seniors Bonspiel February 24-28
Includes luncheon

Open Bonspiel Mar 15/16 Open to
any adult curlers. includes banquet

2 Person Bonspiel March 22/23
Saturday Night Dance & Season Windup

*Register at the Curling Rink 749-2951
Curling sheets are available to rent for
parties & gatherings. Cost is \$75-350.
Contact Robin for more information*

LINEDANCING

Wednesday morning linedancers
are going to include an
evening class.

Monday evenings
7:00 - 8:30pm



We will also continue with our
**Wednesday class from 9:30-
11:00am.** We meet at the Seniors
Hall. There is no cost, however
we have been donating a toonie
per person to the Seniors Hall for
its use. If you want to come out
for some fun and exercise,
please join us.
Beginners Welcome!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Birch Hills Community/
Saron Lutheran
- 7:00pm @ Civic Center

Birch Hills Lutheran - 8:00pm
on 4th & Bellamy

Birch Hills United
- 6:30pm @
Birchview Home

Lake Park Baptist
- 7:00pm on Hwy

On McCallum Ave...
St Anne's Roman Catholic
- 7:00pm
St Mary's Anglican
- 9:00pm



CURL-A-DROME NEWS

Monday: Fun Adult Curling League 7:00pm
Tuesday: Senior League 4/team 1:30pm coffee & dessert
Wednesday: 2 Person League sponsored by Brahma Insurance
Thursday: Super League 4/ team competitive 7:00pm
Friday: Senior League 4/team 1:30pm coffee & dessert
NEW DAY Free Lessons for Adults Friday Nights starts 7pm

Drop In Fees \$10, for those that want to try curling!

Raffle tickets available soon for this years draw...
Watch for detailsnew prizes available this year!



Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Dec 1 - Cowboy Church
3 - Optimist Club Mtg
- Library Book Study
4 - Brrr Chills Winter Fest Plan Mtg
6 - Sr Hockey Game
7 - Ladies Hockey Tournament
10 - Children's Christmas Craft - Library
10/11 - Christmas Carolling through town
14 - Edwin Rundbraaten Bday Party
- Optimist Cocktail Party
15 - Visit and Photos with Santa
12 - Royal Cdn Legion Meeting
14 - Sr Hockey Game
17 - ~~Community Booster Mtg~~
24/25 Christmas Services (refer advertisement)
26 - Beauties Boxing Day Dance
27 - Sr Hockey Home Game
31 - New Years Grease Dance F&F
Jan 11 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
18 - Family Curling Funspiel
21 - Community Boosters
24/25 - Firemens Curling Bonspiel
Feb 7-16 Brrr Chills Winter Festival ???
8 - Sno-Posse Snowmobile Rally
24-28 Senior Curling Bonspiel
Mar 15/16 Open Curling Bonspiel

The Birch Hills Ministerial would like
to thank **Pastor Sonje Finnestad** for
her ministry at Birch Hills Lutheran
Church. She will be very much missed.
We remember especially her gentle and
loving pastoral care. We wish her
God's blessings on her new ministry in
Davidson.

Chris Dow, Rector Parish of
Birch Hills, Kinistino, Muskoday