

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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Happy Holidays!!

With all the excitement of the Christmas season, there are some regularly scheduled activities that may be postponed until the New Year. Please verify with those that are in charge of these activities to double check if they are breaking for the holidays or contact me and I will help you find out. Also watch for updates on Facebook for random sports games. On behalf of the Recreation Board we wish you a safe, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all,

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director

Boger Perogies for sale 5 doz for \$20.
Call 749-3425 to order in time for Christmas. Proceeds go to Skating Club

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICES

All are welcome to the following:

Sun Dec 23 7pm at **Bethania Church**
Northern Light

Mon, Dec 24
Candlelight Christmas Eve Services



* **Birch Hills United Church** invites you to a special Family Christmas Eve Service At 6:30pm at Birchview Nursing Home

* **Birch Hills Lutheran Church**
6:30 p.m. Corner Bellamy & 4th
special guest - Nancy Guebert

* **Saron & Birch Hills Community Church** 7:00pm @ Civic Centre

* **Lake Park Baptist Church** 7pm on hwy

* **St Mary's Anglican Church**
on McCallum @ 9:00pm

THE FLUTE AND FIDDLE

DEC 22 **Blue Grass Concert & Dance**



Family Dinner and Open Stage

6 - 8pm admission free.

Buffet and drinks for purchase

Concert & Dance starts 9pm - 2am

The Hard Ramblers and The Midnight Roses are 2 amazing Blue Grass and folk bands that will be performing. We are in for an amazing night of entertainment and good old fashion fun

DEC 31 **New Years Concert & Dance**

Local band "DUST till DAWN"

Will be rocking in the new year

8pm - 2am

Food available for purchase.

Tickets required \$20

Schedules and tickets available at www.fluteandfiddle.ca and at the Clay Oven Café,

This issue of our Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **Stella & Floyd Sorenson and Verna Blanchard**

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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.

Christmas Concert
At the Birch Hills School

"THE BEST GIFT EVER"

Tues Dec 18th 7:00pm
Silver collection at the door... donations go to the Birch Hills Ministerial

Christmas Tree Drop Off Between December 26th & January 18th
Drop off your used Christmas trees, corner of Bellamy & 3rd. They will be used for the Bonfire night of the festival.

Birch Hills Beauties presents: **3rd Annual Birch Hills Boxing Day Bash**
featuring MARTY GRAMBO

Wednesday, December 26th @ Birch Hills Civic Centre

Doors open at 8p.m. Advance Tickets \$20 at door \$25

Proceeds going to Birch Hills Lions Club

Midnight Lunch

NO MINORS

Tickets available at Grumpy's Convenience Store,

Birch Hills Advantage Credit Union, or any Birch Hill Beauty

LIMITED tickets, make sure to get yours early!



SKATING RINK NEWS

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 & 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 Family Skate 10-2pm No sticks

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.

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



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

Birch Hills Job Opportunities

CIVIC CENTER JANITOR: The Town of Birch Hills is accepting tenders for the contract of: Janitorial Services for the Birch Hills Civic Centre. 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. Please submit tenders by 4:00 pm on December 19th to: Town of Birch Hills, Box 206 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0

Seasons Greetings from the Birch Hills Bar (KG Hotel).



Where the Good Times happen!

I want to send special thanks out to Lyle Mohn, Tom Erickson and Albert Simmons for all their help when we were renovating the kitchen, it was so greatly appreciated. I also want to thank my husband David Shewchuk for all his many hours he put in after his own day job. Plus a very big thank you to my children Nathan, Deannia Aleeshia for all their help plus putting up with me. Since all this hard work we are going to have an awesome New Year's Party! There will be a DJ, drink specials, awesome food! Best of all NO COVER CHARGE!

We all hope to see you all there.

December 31, 9:00 pm to 3:00 am January 1st

Come bring in the New Year with us.

No Minors admitted, I.D. required.

Donna Shewchuk

Birch Hills Council News

The regular meeting of council was held on Nov. 27th with all present.

Mr Paul Beaulieu of Western Municipal Tax Solutions made a presentation at the start of the meeting with his company managing tax arrears.

Community Planning submitted a request by the owner of Parcel H Subdivision to have it subdivided into 3 lots. Council approved this request and it will proceed to the next step.

The Provincial Government Water Security Agency is working on the creation of a 25 year plan

John Herd attended the SUMA Regional Meeting in Tisdale

An application for the position on Public Works for the Town by Darren Peterson was accepted and he started Dec 1st. Jaesen Dansereau was appointed to the position of Acting Foreman and will be attending the Class 1 Water Treatment and Distribution Course on Dec.3rd in Saskatoon.

The 108th SUMA Annual Meeting will be held in Saskatoon from Feb. 3rd to the 6th with our new councillors attending the Newly Elected workshop on the 3rd.

Barry Evans will attend the SUMAssure Subscribers Annual General meeting on Feb.3rd as well.

The new sidewalk sweeper has been attached to the Kabota tractor.

2013 is Property Revaluation year. Mr Seth McNaughton of Melfort, an appraiser with SAMA, will give a presentation to Council in the new year.

The position of Janitor for the Civic Centre is being retendered.

The December meeting of Council will be held on the 19th

Shirley Ulvild, Mayor

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 6-7:30 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 **LAST CLASS Dec 20th**

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

Story time for 3 - 4 yr olds 1-1:45 at the Birch Hills Library

Senior Curling League 1:30-3:30pm 749-2951

SUNDAY

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



Cross Country Ski trail now open at golf course. Please no walkers, pets, snowmobilers or snowshoers on the trails. Thanks



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 free.**

Contact Natalie for more details

960-3408

Library Hours

Tuesday 12:00 - 4:00pm / 5:00-8:00pm

Thurs and Friday

12:00 - 4:30pm



Sr Hall Rentals Contact Vel Bompais at 749-3364

Birch Hills Sno-Posse Info Contact Peter Lubyk 980-7674

Birch Hills Minor Hockey

Fri, Dec 21st	6:00pm	Novice vs Nipawin Black
Wed, Jan 2nd	2:00pm	Novice vs Tisdale
Wed, Jan 9th	7:30pm	PeeWee vs Nipawin Gold
Fri, Jan 11th	6:00pm	IP vs
Mon, Jan 14th	6:00pm	IP vs Cudworth
Thur, Jan 17th	7:15pm	Midget vs
January 19th		IP Tournament

COME CHEER ON OUR KIDS!!

'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,

NEW Clay Oven Café

Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th & 25th of each month.

Send to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or call 749-7451

Birch Hills Recreation

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Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Recreation'

Communities that play together,
...grow together!

Curling FUN Spiel

Saturday, Jan 19 starts 10am
Teams of 4, must have 2 kids on team.
\$20 entry fee. Lunch & Treats all day
Register with Anna by Jan 17

BIRCH HILLS SENIOR HOCKEY

Fri. Dec 21 Away Game @ Northwest Rebels 8:00pm
Sat. Dec 22 Away Game @ St Louis Blues 8:00pm
Fri. Dec 28 Home Game vs St Louis Blues 8:30 pm
Sat, Dec 29 Away Game @ Meadow Lake 8:00pm



GO BLACKHAWKS, GO!

The **2013 Brrr Chills Winter Festival** will run
February 8 - 16th, 2013



Fri: Light Parade, Tobogganing & Bonfire,
Sat: Sno-Posse Snowmobile Rally, Snowga, Skate w/Brrt
Sun: Sno-Pitch, Country Gospel, Museum Potato Supper,
Mon: tentative School Carnival, Talent Night
Tues: Curling Night & Karaoke
Wed: Sr Luncheon & Games,
Thurs: 'Wish I was in Hawaii' Valentines Dinner
Fri: Birchview King & Queen Winter Festival,
Sat: Library Breakfast, Snow Stomp.

There are many small and big jobs to do. If you would like to be a part of helping before or during the festival, please contact Laurie 749-7451

We are looking for participation in the following:

Light Parade (*light up your ride*),
Talent Night (*Birch Hills Got Talent*)
Country Gospel (*if you can sing it, sign up*)
Snow Sculpting (*build it & they will come*)
Febru-hairy Contest (*Men & Women compete with who can grow their leg hairs faster*)

The next Winter Festival Planning Meeting is **THURSDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2013 7:00PM** in the museum basement.

All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate

BIRCH HILLS CURL-A-DROME CORNER

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

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

Memberships inquire within / Drop In Rate \$10.

Now serving "GREAT WEST" draft...even to non members!



Precision 2-Person Super League Wednesday Nights 7:15-8:30pm
Begins Jan 9th-March 20 16 team limit, \$150 entry/team
\$2500 prize money. Sponsored by Quayle Agencies
Contact Robyn at 749-2951 for private ice rentals, memberships or other inquiries.

Raffle Tickets for Weekend for Four at Waskesiu on sale now



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Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Dec 18 - School Christmas Concert
19 - Alumni Basketball Fundraiser
22 - F&F Family BBQ & Bluegrass
24 - see front page for Christmas Services
26 - Boxing Day Dance
28 - Blackhawks vs St Louis Blues
31 - F&F New Years Dance
- KG New Years Dance
Jan 3 - Winter Festival Meeting
9 - 2 Person Super Curling league starts
19 - Family Funspiel (2adults/2kids)
19 - IP Minor Hockey Tourney
25/26 - Firemans Funspiel
Feb 8-10 SHA Minor Hockey Camp
9/10 - Ladies Bonspiel
8-16 Brrr Chills Winter Festival
9 - Sno Posse Snowmobile Rally
25 - Mar 1 Senior Bonspiel
Mar 8-10 Mixed Playdowns
15-17 Open Bonspiel
22-24 2 Person Funspiel

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME

Wednesday, December 19
7:30 pm High School Gym



Adults \$5 Under 12 \$2

Proceeds to Outdoor Basketball Court
Do they still got game? Join us for a fun evening where past Sr Boys Players Trevor Mitchell, Orvin Opseth, Darren Rask, Bruce Tilford, Wes Hodgson, Keegan Larson, Brodie Kilgour, Dean Thompson and others will take on our Sr. Boys Basketball Team who are smokin' hot going into their Christmas Classic Tourney!