

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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Season's Greetings!!

We are going ahead to plan for the 2014 Winter Festival! BUT we need more help to keep it as good as last year, please contact me if you are interested in helping. New this year is the *Human Dog Sled Racing*. Your 'team' must have 3 girls, 3 boys and at least 3 generations (40yrs difference) You will attach your 'team' to a sled and will race downtown for prizes. It's sure to be fun & entertaining for all ages.

There are several curling bonspiels coming up, be sure to sign up early to help organizers get ready. Remember, you don't need to be a regular curler, there are plenty that will show you the basics before you start, the fun is up to you!

Wishing you all an active and safe Merry Christmas!

*Laurie Berube, Rec Director*

## Alumni Basketball Game

Tuesday, December 17th  
7:00 pm High School Gym  
Admission \$5

Come Cheer on our Home Grown Basketball Talents from throughout the decades as the Alumni Take on our Senior Boys Team!



## The Birch Hills Fire Department

Would like to remind you to:

- \* Water your Christmas tree
- \* Check for wire damage on any Christmas lights
- \* Never leave lit candles unattended

**We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas season!**



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Birch Hills United - 6:30pm  
@ Birchview Home

Birch Hills Community Church,  
Saron Lutheran and Birch Hills  
Lutheran Candle light Service  
- 7:00pm @ Lutheran Church  
w/ Pastor Don Haugen

Lake Park Baptist  
- 7:00pm on Hwy

On McCallum Ave...

St Anne's Roman Catholic 7:00pm  
St Mary's Anglican 9:00pm



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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.



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to receive the  
news letter online

## Scotland/England Slide Presentation Sunday, Dec 15th



2:00pm

at Birch Hills Lutheran  
Church (4th & Bellamy)

## TWINKLE TOUR in Birch Hills



Birchview Nursing  
Home residents will be  
on tour

Tuesday, Dec 17th  
6:00 - 6:30pm

Please leave your lights  
on for all too see.

Birch Hills Beauties hosting the  
4th Annual

## BIRCH HILLS BOXING DAY BASH

December 26th, 2013

@ the Community Civic Center

**Featuring Tim Toutant**

Doors open at 8:00pm

\$20 advance tickets available at  
Advantage Credit Union and

Grumpy's ..Last years event sold out, don't  
wait!! Proceeds going towards Birch Hills  
Marauders High school Football



## BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

### BIRCH HILLS SENIOR BLACKHAWKS

#### GAMES

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  
Contact 749-7451 to book today

### MINOR HOCKEY in BIRCH HILLS

Dec 16	Novice Game	7:00pm
19	Midget Game	7:00pm
22	Novice Game	6:00pm



The rink canteen is now being leased by Kevin Watson.

Public Skating for December is free!

*In lieu, we are collecting non-perishable food supplies to give to those in need.*

Public Skating is 2-4pm Dec 23-Jan 5  
**NOTE:** Rink is closed Dec 24-27 & Jan 1st.

### DROP IN SCRIMMAGE

Mondays 9:30-11:00 pm  
\$10/ person. Rink Members \$5, Goalies Free

**CHANGES:** scrimmage will be on Dec 16th and in the new year on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month...



### Dreamland Optimist Club of Birch Hills

**Optimist Mission:** By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

**Optimist International** is an association of more than 2,600 Optimist Clubs around the world dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." Adult volunteers join Optimist Clubs to conduct positive service projects in their communities aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. With their upbeat attitude, Optimist Club members help empower young people to be the best that they can be.

Each Optimist Club determines the needs of the young people in its community and conducts programs to meet those needs. Every year, Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects and serve well over six million young people.

Our Meetings Times are Every 2nd Tuesday of each Month, 7pm at The Flute and Fiddle Dance Hall. We invite you to stop by and check us out to see if being a optimist is right for you! New members always welcome. For information on what being a optimist is please visit [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

3rd Annual

**Brrr Chills Winter Festival**

**February 7 - 15th, 2014**

It's happening...Birch Hills will hold it's 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival and Brrrt the Bear is excited!!  
Get ready for some fun in the snow...



**Returning events:** Light Parade, Tobogganning, SnoPosse Rally, SnoPitch, County Gospel, Museum Potatoe Supper, Talent Show, Senior hosted Luncheon & Games, Pancake Breakfasts, Cross Country Skiing, Family Skate with Brrrt, Snow Stomp Family Dance, maybe's: Valentines Supper (open to any committee fundraising), School Carnival, Birchview Winter Carnival

**Contests:** Snow Sculpting, Brrrt Color Contest, Febru-hairy, not just for the hairy, progressive 50/50 and  
**NEW THIS YEAR:** Human Dog Sled Races (3boys, 3girls, 3 generations...Get your 'team' training)

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** We will need prizes to give out for contests. If your company or workplace wants to sponsor any contests with Cash, Gift Certificates, Articles of any kind, please contact Laurie.

**Looking for White Teddy Bears to make little Brrrt's for color contest prizes...drop off at museum.**

We need leaders to help organize some of these events. We will need others to help the leaders. And we need people to participate. If you or your group is interested in making any of these events happen by organizing or participating, contact me right away. Please note, if we don't have interest, we won't be able to do it...It's your festival, and word has gotten around outside of Birch Hills that our winter festival is awesome!! We can only keep this happening by the amazing volunteers we have in this community, **WE NEED YOU!** **The next meeting is JANUARY 2, 2014!!**

### BIRCH HILLS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

I would like to thank my neighbour Bryan Waite for helping me with different general maintenance projects around my home and for him mowing my lawn when I've been too busy and the grass is growing faster than I can keep up! It is always very much appreciated...

Laurie Berube

Winners of the Good Neighbour Draw will be announced in next paper!

### BIRCH HILL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Owners/ Operators: Reg & Tanis Quaaale and Dale & Karen Pratt  
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.

### FIREMEN'S FUNSPIEL FUNDRAISER & STEW COOKOFF

January 24 & 25, 2014

#### Entry Fees:

Curling - \$40/Rink

Cookoff - \$20/Entry

**\*\*Only 16 curling and 10 cookoff entries will be accepted\*\***

#### REGISTER EARLY!!

Open to everyone who wants to have some fun! Door prizes for curlers/ Cash prizes for cookoff winners. Come out and support your local fire department.



### BOUQUET OF THANKS

The family of the late Catherine (Cathy) McLean would like to thank the community of Birch Hills for their outpouring of love and support during Cathy's illness, and recent passing.

Your cards, food, visits and kind words were very much appreciated and won't be forgotten. Cathy loved living here, and was very proud to tell people where 'she was from'! We all are.

Our hearts are shattered at our loss, but we will do our best to continue forward as she would have wanted. We will miss her every day for the rest of our lives. Thank you again.

Kelly, Kaitlyn (Bryce),  
Braden and Jennifer McLean

**\*\*Deadline to register for funspiel is January 19\*\*** For more info or to sign up, call Tracy Lubyk

(306) 980-7675

### Birch Hills and District Historical Society Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Museum basement

Pot luck supper 5:00

Annual meeting to follow

Everyone welcome

We invite people to get involved in their Historical Society (ie: plans for Threshing Day)

### BOUQUET OF THANKS



The Birch Hills and District Historical Society was very pleased to have the Birch Hills Fire Department visit the Museum and do a walk through. We look forward to a follow up visit in the New Year when we can share compliance particulars and prepare a building layout document for them.

All I want for  
Christmas is a  
self-cleaning house!



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user card



Thank you so much to the volunteers and those who donated desserts for our Annual Fall Supper and Silent Auction which raised approx. \$5,000 to help complete our Outdoor Basketball Court!! Many thanks and compliments to Mardell Linfitt for preparing the roast beef and gravy! The draw was made for the custom Roughrider shadow box and autographed green Grey Cup jersey and was won by Jordyn Duval of Saskatoon. We thank Global Sports of Saskatoon for their generous donation of the black autographed Grey Cup jersey and shadow box when our original one was stolen from the Youth Center in August. To all who donated merchandise for the Silent Auction and to the girls from Scotia Bank in Kinistino, THANK YOU, as step by step we enhance our community!

RYSC & BH Skateboard Club





## 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](http://www.fluteandfiddle.ca)

### BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY INFO

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

Story Time Fridays Dec 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**

### Taxi Service in Birch Hills

Service 7 days a week. 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 or \$30 per hour, If we wait,  
you will not be charged mileage on the way back  
just the waiting fee. **306-749-1222**

### FIRST RESPONDERS

Are you interested in becoming a  
First Responder? First Responders  
provide medical care and assistance  
in emergencies before an ambulance arrives. Training  
is provided. If you are willing to dedicate and  
volunteer your time, contact Lorne at (306) 960-  
2456 Tentative dates for training Jan 24-26 or Jan  
31-Feb2



### BOUQUET OF THANKS

The school *Breakfast for Learning Program*  
would like to thank the Affinity Credit Union  
for their generous cash donation for supplies to  
keep this important program running.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day,  
especially for children who are growing and learning.  
This program is grant funded and community organized.  
We really need monetary donations, for which receipts  
can be given...Preferably Under \$50.00.

.....donations of NUT-FREE nutritious muffins,  
NUT-FREE home-baked granola squares, Individual  
cartons of yogurts, frozen fruit, cheddar cheese,  
crackers, juice boxes.

We sometimes serve breakfast cereal in which case  
we need disposable :( bowls, and we always need  
napkins. We also need people to help serve....from 8:10  
- 8:50....followed by a ten minute clean up of the foyer  
dining area. If you can help in any way, please contact  
me at the school. Thanks for your support!

Beverly Hunter



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

### The Flute and Fiddle

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](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CZDNBCQ)  
Thanks for your support over the year!

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 [www.fluteandfiddle.ca](http://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**

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



## 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 **2nd & 4th Monday**

Line Dancing 7-8:00pm @ the Senior Hall



### 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 **done Dec 10th, returning in the spring**

Optimist Club 1st Tues of the month

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

### WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am at the Sr Hall

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+-



Next **Community Booster** Meeting is scheduled for **January 7, 2014**. If you are interested in 'boosting' your town, you are welcome to attend one or more meetings. **7:30-9 @ Museum**

## 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

'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, Community Boosters

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

## 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

## 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'

## UPCOMING CURLING BONSPIELS

**Family Funspiel** Jan 18  
Bring the Kids



**Firemens Bonspiel** Jan 24/25

**Seniors Bonspiel** February 24-28  
Includes luncheon

**Ladies Bonspiel** new date March 7-9  
Includes Saturday banquet

**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*

## 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 just want to try curling!

Raffle tickets available soon for this seasons draw...  
New prizes available this year!



**CROSS  
COUNTRY SKI  
TRAILS** are open  
at the  
Golf  
Course.  
Thanks  
to Ron  
Bodnarchuk!!!



## CURLING RAFFLE

Summer Golf Vacation  
@ Waskesieu  
OR  
Winter Ski Vacation  
@ Elk Ridge.  
Winner's Choice

## Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Dec 15 - Visit and Photos with Santa  
- England/Scotland visual tour  
12 - Royal Cdn Legion Meeting  
14 - Sr Hockey Game  
17 - Birchview Twinkle Tour  
Alumni vs Sr Basketball Game  
17 - ~~Community Booster Mtg~~  
18 - BH School Christmas Concert  
24/25 Christmas Services (refer front page)  
26 - Beauties Boxing Day Dance  
27 - Sr Hockey Home Game  
31 - New Years Grease Dance F&F  
Jan 2 - Winter Festival Planning Meeting  
5 - Birch Hills Cowboy Church  
7 - Optimist Club Mtg  
- Community Boosters Mtg  
15 - Historical Society AGM & Potluck  
18 - Family Curling Funspiel  
24/25 - Firemens Curling Bonspiel & Cookoff  
Feb 7-16 Brrr Chills Winter Festival  
7-Human Dog Sled Race, Light Parade,  
Toboganing F&F gathering  
8 - Sno-Posse Snowmobile Rally  
9 - Country Gospel, SnoPitch, Museum  
Potatoe Supper  
15 - Pancake Brkfst, Cross Country Skiing,  
Skate with Brrrt, Snow Stomp Family Dance  
24-28 - Senior Curling Bonspiel  
Mar 7-9 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel  
15/16 - Open Curling Bonspiel  
22/23 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel  
22 - TLC Daycare/Birchview Art Gala

**BIRCH HILLS BARRACUDAS** the newly formed ladies hockey team would like to thank the following for their support, help and to all that attended the hockey tourney Dec 7. We raised enough money to donate \$200+ to Breast Cancer Research and some start up money for our hockey team...Thank You!



Barry's Rock & Dirt, Audrey Matheson, Brahma Insurance, Bud McRory, CIBC, Ethel Rutherford, Gene's Source for Sports (PA), Glenmor Equipment, Jody Mickelson, Lorraine Boger, Marlene Hovdebo, Quayles Pharmacy, Stan & Jan Bliss(Watkins), Keith Matheson, Kelly Matheson, YWCA, Fresh Air Experience, Flute and Fiddle, Peter Lubyk, Neil Braaten, Wade Cochrane, Bruce Tilford, Shannon Vey, Chevy, Cody Folstad, and to Zach Lacombe and Jamie Tilford for donating their \$\$ towards Breast Cancer Research & the Food Bank.



**PUBLIC NOTICE:** The Town Office & RM Office will be closed December 25, 26, & 27. Both offices will open again Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> and only closed again for the Stat on January 1<sup>st</sup>.