

The 'Birch Hills 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, Grumpy's Confectionary, Quayle Pharmacy, and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request to be added to newsletter emailing list to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net

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Hello Everyone,

I would like to send out a reminder of all the local places that you can do plenty of your Christmas shopping right here in town. Gift ideas at: Quayles Pharmacy, Rugged Country, Co-op (gift certs available too at all kinds of stores), Salon Krush (hair & nail gift certs), Arena Memberships, Brahma Insurance for your winter vacation travel insurance, Post Office (coin sets), Blackhawk Sr Team Comedy night tickets, Fire Dept Boxing Day Dance tickets, Golf Course gift certs, Duane Lowe (model planes/cars etc) & plenty of home based businesses advertising on BH Bargain Basement Facebook page.

Buy Local: Spend it Here - Keep it Here
I would also like to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and all the best in 2016!!

CHEERS,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

NEW YEARS BASH

Bring in the New Year, with New owners Kristy & Shea Nelson for their first event at the 'Flute & Fiddle'

Doors open 8:00pm

\$15 at the Door



DJ, Drink
and Food
Specials all
night
Watch

Facebook for more details and announcements

DECEMBER issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by:
PA Co-op - Birch Hills Branch, TLC Daycare, Steen Agencies,

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/ birchhillsrec@sasktel.net. The cost is \$100/ sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community. Sponsoring into March. ..reserve your spot today!
Thank you for supporting your local paper.

SARON LUTHERAN & BIRCH HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCHES CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

"When Christmas Isn't Merry and Bright"

Blue Christmas Service.

A service of comfort for those suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief during the Christmas season.

Friday, December 18th 7:30pm

@ BH Lutheran Church

Bethania Christmas Service

Sunday, December 20th

7:30pm @ Bethania Country Church

7 miles south on Northern Light Road,
1/4 mile west.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00pm @ BH Lutheran Church

Everyone Welcome!

Birch Hills Volunteer Fire Department presents...

BIRCH HILLS BOXING DAY BASH

Saturday, December 26th

Doors Open 9:00pm @ Birch Hills Civic Centre

Advance Tickets \$15 \$20 at the Door

Only 200 Tickets Available

Absolutely NO MINORS

DJ Nigel Maxwell & Midnight Lunch

Proceeds to BH Fire Department

Command Unit



SCHOOL NEWS

Dec 15 Community Pancake Breakfast

Please come and join us for breakfast from 8-9 am and help us celebrate our continued development as a school community. Pancakes, sausage, and coffee will be served.

\$5 for adults and \$2.50 for kids. We look forward to celebrating our school



Dec 17-20 Sr Boys Christmas Classic Basketball Tourney

Dec 22 - Jan 2 Christmas Break/no school

Feb 1 PLC (no classes)

LIBRARY NEWS

STORY TIME Fridays

for 3 - 5yrs old

1:00-1:45pm



Come Visit your Local Library Today

Girls Gr 7/8 Club Volleyball Fundraiser

Coaches Roxanne Mitchell /Vicki Eldstrom

BEAR TRACKS ICE MELT

Fast acting, long lasting, high visibility blue marker. Safe on concrete & vegetation, corrosion inhibitor and Pet friendly

16kg pail @ \$20 ea

Pre-order asap with Tammy Forsyth
749-2579hm or 960-9246 cell

Thank you to CPS for this fundraising opportunity.

ST LOUIS COMMUNITY

NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS SHOW

Thursday, December 31, 2015

(come early) Bonfire starts 5:00pm

Fireworks 8:00pm Sharp

At Lions Club Park (in ST. LOUIS)

Sliding, free hotdogs & hot chocolate



GOLF COURSE NEWS

CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFERS

GIFT CERTIFICATES & GOLF PASSES available
Purchase memberships or rounds of golf for yourself, friends or family at this year rates up to January 15.

RAFFLE TICKETS make great stocking stuffers

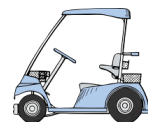
FORE' WHEEL DRIVE RAFFLE

Win a New Yamaha Gas Powered Cart

1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50

Draw Date July 1, 2016

Value \$6000



CONTACT THE REC OFFICE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE

FIRST RESPONDER COURSE

If there is interest there will be courses offered on February 26-28, 2016 and March 4-6, 2016 in Prince Albert at Parkland Ambulance.

Pre-request to have CPR-C certification (available at Parkland) and commitment to the dates of course. Contact Brian @ 306-953-8354 or email brian@parklandambulance.com

JOIN THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF BIRCH HILLS!

Thank you to those that are willing to be there in times of need



BOUQUET OF THANKS to the guys at Youth Center Coffee Row, Holly, Art, Sandy, Margot and everyone who supported the Lunch for Lights held at the Youth Centre to outfit the Town Christmas Tree and Light Standards with new lights! We appreciate the extra work the Town guys did hanging and adjusting the overhead lights to look fantastic! Thank you also to Arvin & Shirley Ulvild for the extra ice cream treats served up with hot chocolate and treat bags at the Youth Centre following the Christmas tree lighting event!

BIRCHVIEW NEWS DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone Welcome



Dec 16th 2:30 Christmas Party Job Mates band
Dec 17th 10:30 Christmas with The Klassens
Dec 23rd 2:30 Carroll Birkland Piano Students Recital,
Dec 24th Christmas Eve Service with United Church,
Dec 30th New Years Party with Wilf and AL !

BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS

Christmas Public Skating Hours

during school break.
2:00 - 4:00pm Daily
**CLOSED CHRISTMAS and
NEW YEARS DAY**

PUBLIC SKATING

Mon, Wed, Fri 3:30-5:00pm
Sat & Sun's 2:00-4:00pm.
Fees are \$5 for public skate, Sun-
days (or anytime) Family Skate \$10
or Become an Arena member (covers Public Skate for whole season)

Wednesdays After School

Scrimmage

All Ages Welcome. Parents,
Adults, Youth Encouraged to
Come Play Helmets
Mandatory for youth 18yrs <

BLACKHAWK SENIOR HOCKEY NEWS



Volunteers needed to help at gate and canteen. Even one time
would help alot! Please contact Jamie Tilford if you are available

Come out to cheer on our Senior Hockey Team. Game Fee \$6/adult plus 50/50
draws help to pay for refs, bus trips and ice time. Your support is appreciated!

UPCOMING GAMES

Dec 18th 8:30 @ Big River

Dec 19th 8:00 @ Leoville

Jan 9th 8:00 @ LaRonge

SKATING CLUB NEWS

Our skating days are
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Star Skate 4:00-5:15pm
CanSkate 5:30-6:15

No Skating week of Dec 21st

**SAVE THE DATE:
Skating Carnival March 20**

Mark your Calendars - January 2nd

Comedy Night w/ Rob Pue

Tickets \$25 at the Birch Hills Civic Centre

Contact any Sr Player or Purchase at Rink Canteen

GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!!



BOOK A PRIVATE ICE BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY

\$150 includes 1 hour ice time, hotdog,
fries & drink (Minimum 10 kids)
over 10 charge \$5.50 each.

Staff, Friends & Family Private Parties available too!

Call Laurie 749-7451 to book Afterschool or weekends



MINOR HOCKEY HOME GAMES

| | | |
|-------------|----------------------|--------|
| Tues, Jan 5 | Novice vs Melfort | 6:30pm |
| Wed Jan 6 | Atoms vs Melfort | 6:30pm |
| Thur Jan 7 | PeeWee vs Tisdale | 6:30pm |
| Wed Jan 13 | Novice vs Carrot Rvr | 6:30pm |
| Thur Jan 14 | PeeWee vs Carrot Rvr | 6:30pm |
| Tues Jan 19 | PeeWee vs Melfort | 6:30pm |
| Wed Jan 20 | Atom vs Melfort | 6:30pm |
| Sat Jan 23 | Midget vs Melfort | 6:30pm |
| Sun Jan 24 | Atom vs Carrot Rvr | 4:15pm |
| Wed Jan 27 | Novice vs Nipawin | 6:30pm |
| Sun Jan 31 | Atoms vs Melfort | 4:15pm |
| Wed Feb 3 | Atoms vs St Brieux | 6:30pm |
| Wed Feb 10 | Atoms vs Nipawin | 6:30pm |



Non Perishable Foods and Gifts being accepted thru
December. Place at the Christmas tree in the Arena.
Thank you to those that participated with Sherry Oesch.
A large box plus \$65 was collected at her last Tupperware
sales event in Birch Hills.

If you are aware of a local family in need of
some Christmas Cheer, Please contact the
Rec Office. Thank You!



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Jan 8/9 Ladies Hockey, Barracuda's Tournament

Jan 16 Atom Tourney

Jan 23 IP Tourney

Jan 30 Novice Tourney

Feb 5/6 SHA Midget Camp

If you have any helmets and/or skates, sticks
not of use to you and you'd like to donate
to the rink, please bring to Caretakers or
Canteen Workers for those who do not have
equipment to play. Thank you!



NOTE: Helmets are now re-
quired for youth 18 yrs >
when playing on ice

EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS

MONDAYS

Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
 Fire Depart Mtgs every 2nd Mon 7pm @ fire hall Kyle Jensen 749-7536
 Linedancing Mondays starts soon @ Civic Centre
 Public Skating 3:30-5pm

TUESDAYS

Senior Curling League 1:30pm Coffee & Dainties to follow
 Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 10am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
 Library Open Weekly 12-4pm and 5-8pm
 Crystal Springs Bingo 7:30pm @ Crystal Springs Hall Done till Spring



WEDNESDAYS

Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am @ Civic Centre
 Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!
 Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm
 Birchview Ladies Aux 9:30 every 2nd Wed ea month
 New members welcome
 Public Skating 3:30-5pm **Afterschool Shinny**
 Goosers Rec Hockey 9:30pm Shannon 749-7908
 Town Council Meetings 2nd and 4th Wed of the month
 Brahma Insurance Two Person Curling League
 Brancepeth Church Services 7:30pm Everyone Welcome



THURSDAYS

Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Dolores Jones 749-2680
 Moms & Tots @ Youth Centre 9am-12pm \$2 drop in fee
 Library Open 12 - 4:30pm
 Hawkeyes Rec Hockey 9:30pm Tyler C. 749-2228
 Red Head Equipment Super Curling League Teams of 4
 Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall.
 New members welcome



FRIDAYS

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St
 Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm/ **Story time** 1-1:45pm **4&5yrs**
 Senior Curling League 1:30pm Coffee & Dainties to follow
 Public Skating 3:30-5pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAYS

Public Skating 2-4 Saturday Shinny, Sun Family Skate
 Sunday Drop in Volley Ball 7:30pm @ the school gym \$2/ea

Call if you have changes or events to add to this list; Laurie at 749-7451

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Evenings 7:30 - 9:00pm
 in the School Gym
 \$2 drop in fee
 Breaking for Christmas,
 however watch town face-
 book page for possible random games



Recommended for 16yrs+ Everyone
 Welcome even spectators!



COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Senior Hall

Delores Jones 749-2680 Hall Rentals
Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion
 Evert Whelen 749-2773 - President
 Don Lypchuk 749-2571 - Hall/ Rentals
 Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 - Membership



Birch Hills Lions Club

Bruce Tilford 749-7743
 Todd Devenis 749-3425

Birch Hills Historical Society

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

Community Boosters

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

Dreamland Optimist Club

Stuart Matice 306-314-2378

Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

Fire Department

Kyle Jensen **749-7536**

Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

Birchview Ladies Auxillary & Meals on Wheels (vols wanted)

749-2288

2015 International Karate College Provincial Championship Results

The International Karate College held their 34th provincial karate championships and a belt examination in Rosthern over the weekend. Promoted in rank from the St. Louis Karate club were Theron Charles, Talon Wolfe, Jared Checkosis to brown belt, Patricia Denis to orange belt, and Kyra Trumier to yellow belt.

Provincial tournament results for the St. Louis Karate members were:

| Category | Name | Kata (forms) | Kumite (sparring) |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Men black belt | Brent Blondeau | 2 nd | 1 st |
| | Brayden Caron | 3 rd | 3 rd |
| Boys brown & black | Bryce Blondeau | 1 st | 2 nd |
| | Dreton Vandale-Prosper | 3 rd | 1 st |
| | Theron Charles | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| Boys green to purple | Jared Checkosis | 1 st | 2 nd |
| Women beg to orange | Patricia Denis | | 3 rd |
| Girls white to orange | Kyra Trumier | 2 nd | 1 st |
| | Meagan Denis | 3 rd | |



NOMINATIONS being accepted at the Rec Office for those you would like to recommend as Outstanding Volunteers in our Community. Send information of who and why you would like to recognize them for their Volunteerism and the difference that they make in our town.

Big or small it all counts

Email Laurie at
birchhillsrec@sasktel.net



Send entries to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net or call 306-749-7451

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

BIRCH HILLS HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

STEEN AGENCIES

Weldon Sask. S0J3A0

PH: 306-887-2020

Fax: 306-887-4211

Call for all your Insurance Needs

REMINDER: 2016 LICENCES

As outlined in the Town of Birch Hills Bylaw #04/12 residents are required to annually register their dogs and cats. Failure to do so could result in fines.

Annual Registration Fee \$10

Failure to Register \$20

Subsequent offences \$40

Impoundment:

First Offence \$75 plus \$5 per day

Subsequent Offences \$150 plus \$5 per day

Stop by the Town Office to register your pets. Copies of the bylaw available upon request

Prince Albert Co-op, Birch Hills Branch

Food Store Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 8 am to 7 pm

Thurs - 8 am to 9 pm

Sun - 10 am to 5 pm

You're at home here.



C-Store Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 7 am to 7pm

Thurs - 7 am to 9 pm

Sun - 10 am to 7 pm

**Come see what's in store for
Christmas gift ideas!!**

Hello from TLC daycare!!

Just to let you all know there are some exciting things happening at TLC daycare!! Some things that are new is the donation drop box for all clothing items and a portion of the donations goes to our daycare. The drop box is located beside the daycare in the parking lot. You can't miss it!! More exciting news is that we have a new face book page you can check out our activities and news.

You can find this page under TLC daycare Inc.

Christmas Daycare Hours

December 24 -Closing at 4pm

December 25 - Closed

December 31 - Closing at 4pm

January 1 - Closed



Laurie Berube,
Recreation Director
Box 280, Birch Hills, SK
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Cell: 306-749-7451 text or call
Fax: 306-749-2545
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
Facebook Page: 'Town of Birch Hills
Community & Recreation'
Website: www.birchhills.ca

SENIOR CURLING BONSPIEL

January 18 - 22nd
\$140/ 4person team (includes luncheon)

LEGION MEMBERS OPEN BONSPIEL

January 23rd
All Legion members welcome 4/team

LADIES BONSPIEL 70's Theme

Feb 5-7th Register Early!!
\$160/4 team includes supper and a whole
lot of fun

Register at Curling Rink with Robyn.
Leave a message 749-2951

CURLING CLUB NEWS

The season has begun. Stop in for a visit!!



Tuesdays & Fridays

Senior League start 1:30pm Coffee and Treats to follow

Wednesday Brahma Insurance 2 Person League first draw 7:00pm

Thursday Red Head Equipment Super League Teams of 4
7:00 and 9:00pm draws

Junior Curlers: There will be afterschool curling program for
youth starting in the new year. Tuesdays, 3:45-
5:00pm Watch for more details or contact the Rec
Office or Hugh Sampson at the Curling Club



Upcoming Bonspiels - To Register Call 749-2951 leave message
Jan 18-22nd Senior Bonspiel Wk Jan 23rd Legion Provincials
Feb 5-7th Ladies 70's Bonspiel Mar 5-6th Open Bonspiel



Please Share Paper with a
friend or Send request to
birchhillsrec@sasktel.net
to receive the news letter
online

Birch Hills Upcoming Events

Dec 15 - School Community Breakfast
17-20 - Sr Boys Basketball
18 - Blue Christmas Service
20 - Bethania Christmas Eve Service
24 - United Christmas Eve Service (BV)
- Candle Light Srvc (Lutheran Church)
26 - Boxing Day Dance
31 - New Years Eve Dance
- St Louis NYE Activities

Jan 2 - Sr Hockey Comedy Night
7 - Winter Festival Planning Meeting
8-9 - Barracuda Ladies Hockey Tourney
16 - Atom Hockey Tourney
18-22 - Seniors Curling Bonspiel
22 - Sr Hockey Home Game
23 - IP Hockey Tourney
23 - Legion Open Curling
29 - Sr Hockey Home Game
30 - Sr Hockey Home Game
- Novice Hockey Tourney

Feb 5-7 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
5&6 - SHA Midget Hockey Camp
13 - SnoPosse Snowmobile Rally
25-28 - 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

Mar 5&6 - 4 Person Open Bonspiel
11-12 - Gooser Rec Hockey Tourney
18/19- 2 Person Tuffspiel & Windup
20 - Skating Club Carnival



SAVE THE DATES! 5th Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

Will be held
Thursday, February 25—Saturday 28th, 2016

All your favourite events and family activities packed into
four days of winter fun!! So far we are planning,

*Senior Lunch & Games, School Carnival, Birchview's
Carnival, including crowning of Festival King/Queen,
Prince and Princess. Curling Funspiel, Street Hockey,
Library Pancake Brunch, Tobogganing & Bonfire,
Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Snow Stomp
Family Dance (need helpers!!), Country Gospel Show,
Dinner Theatre, Family Skate with Brrr*

Watch the newsletter and Facebook for more information as
events are confirmed. If you have other ideas or would like
to help, donate prizes or sponsor events, please contact Rec
Office. Next planning meeting is JANUARY 7th @ 7pm in
the museum basement. Come be a part of all the FUN!!