



HEARTBEAT

The 'Birch Hills Heartbeat' newsletter is printed bi-monthly 1st and 15th of the month. It is available at the following locations: **Birch Hills Recreation Office**, Lake Country Co-op, Grumpy's Confectionary, Quayle's Pharmacy, and 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**

November 1st, 2020

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Scrap Metal Drive fundraiser for the rink! There will be a collection bin located at the lift station. Anything with metal on it can be donated. If you have a large quantity and are unable to relocate yourself contact Tyler Tilford (1-306-960-9744) or Adam Morrison (1-306-227-4631) and they will try to make accommodations to have it picked up if the amount is large enough. There is an account under "Birch Hills Skating Rink" at McDonald's Metal in Prince Albert for those who wish to drop stuff off there.

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JOHN HERD**

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COVID-19



MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Deliver nutritious meals and share a smile with those in need.

Sign up today!

Contact your local Meals on Wheels Coordinator to sign up:

Email: volunteers@paphr.sk.ca | Phone: 306-765-6119

While following current Public Health recommendations, we are recruiting volunteers *under* the age of 65.

We're taking necessary precautions to ensure deliveries continue safely during this time.



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June 10, 2020

Public Notice

The Birch Hills Conservation and Development Authority will Not be having an annual meeting this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Annual reports will be available from Nov 1 to Nov 15 at the Birch Hills Municipal Office.

The report will include (1) Audited financial statement for 2019. (2) Chair persons report of what has happened this past year and what we hope to achieve in 2021. (3) Interim financial report to Oct 2020.

If you have any questions contact:

Mark Gordon 306-920-0362

Kevin Evans 306-749-7727

Steven Tomtene 306-930-6013

Grant Getz

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN Church UPCOMING EVENTS

279 McCallum Avenue

Sunday, November 1st 11:00am: All Saints Day – St. Mary's, Birch Hills

Sunday, November 8th 11:00am: Trinity XXII – St. Mary's, Birch Hills

Sunday, November 15th 11:00am – Trinity XXIII – St. Mary's, Birch Hills

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bhkmparish



Birch Hills Public Library

Birch Hills Public Library Report

Birch Hills Public Library will be open by appointment only. Please call (306)749-3281 during our regular business hours to book you appointment.

**Christmas Extravaganza
Saturday, November 7, 2020**



10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Brancepeth Community Hall

(Table proceeds donated to the hall)

Perogies by Tracy: perogies, calzones, breakfast to go, Christmas pudding

Kooper's Kozy Korner: book reading pillows, bowl cozies, wooden signs, designed Glasses

Grammas for TLC: lefse, buns, pie dough, cookies, squares and other baking

Ponchos by Shirley: fleece ponchos – sizes children to adults

Blankets by Iris: fleece blankets – various sizes

Handmade Creations by Mikayla Shanelle: keychains, lanyards, baby items

JASTA Creations: cotton dishcloths, toque and scarf sets, stuffie blankets, stick rummy

Colour Street Nails

Tupperware

Partylite

Norwex



All provincial COVID rules will be followed. All vendors will wear a mask and customers are encouraged to do so but not mandatory.

Home Opener

BlackHawks vs. Dalmeny



**Properly Worn Masks & Social Distancing Mandatory
Limited seating;
Doors open at 7:15**

Sat
7
Nov
2020

**Time | 8:00pm
Licensed Beverage Garden
Canteen & 50/50 Available**

Hesje Centre
2nd Street, Birch Hills



RECYCLE

Please Share your Newsletter with a friend. Send request to birch-hillsrec@sasktel.net to receive the news letter online.



Thank you all for helping me

- Bike Bob



A huge thankyou to TLC Daycare

Their bottle drive brought in mega funds
--thanks to this generous community--
and we are so fortunate to be receiving half of
the proceeds.

Monday Dart Night returns November 16

@ The Legion

@ 7 PM

Legion Members and Guests welcome

Ladies Welcome

CHURCH SERVICES:

Glad Tidings Tabernacle - Sunday ser-
vices at 11:00 am.

Lake Park Baptist Church - Sunday
Morning Worship Services

9:30am or 11:00am

Children's Church Services

11:00am

For more information on the happenings at LPBC go to our web-
site @ www.lakepark.ca

Covid Protocols are in place at this time...

Crystal Springs Rec Co-op

**ALL EVENTS POSTPONED
UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Thanks to all of our members and non-members who contributed to our record golf round year - 12,482 rounds for a 25% increase over 2019 rounds.

The Golf Board wishes everyone a wonderful winter season. Thank you to the clubhouse and course staff for a great golfing season. To everyone....stay safe.....stay healthy.

And stay tuned for our installment payment plan for next year's player membership fees!

Have a great off-season and we will see you in the Spring!

Birch Hills Dog Park?

Is there an interest in this community for a fenced in dog park? I have noticed that there are numerous dog walkers on the street at almost any time of the day, here in Birch Hills. How big an area would be required? Where would it best be placed? What would it need to have, to provide a safe area for your pet? How much should be invested and by whom? These are all questions that have come to mind and I have come to this forum to initiate the conversation. If you have thoughts or concerns with regards to a Dog Park, i would invite your response and a conversation to discuss the issues that need to be considered if we were to provide a space for pets in our community. I can be contacted by email at stewadams@hotmail.com, by phone at 306 749 7439 or by all means stop me on the street and lets talk about a space for the pets of this community. You can also contact our Rec Director, Zac Pitzel at the Rec Office on main street or call him at 306 749 7439 and share your views.

Stewart Adams, Chair
Birch Hills Recreation Board



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIRCH HILLS NO. 460

ELECTION 2020

Advance Poll

November 2, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Election Day

November 9, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ELECTION - FOR THE OFFICE OF REEVE

VOTING FOR THIS ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

Rural Municipality of Birch Hills No. 460 Office
279 Bellamy Avenue
Birch Hills, SK



Voters will be required to present Identification prior to filling in the Voters' Registration Form and receiving a ballot.

Birch Hills Blackhawks

For the 2020-21 season, the Blackhawks will again be playing in the Twin Rivers Hockey League. Four teams have taken a leave of absence due to Covid-19 concerns (Aberdeen, Clavet, Cudworth and Waldheim). With 6 teams remaining (Birch Hills, Dalmeny, Hague, Rosthern, Shellbrook and Warman), our league was split into 2 divisions. We will play the 2 teams in our division (Shellbrook and Rosthern) 4 times and the other 3 teams, 2 times. All games will be a home and home series on the same weekend.

We will have played an exhibition game on Friday, October 30th vs. the Rosthern Wheatkings so some of the following may change depending on Covid-19 levels in the province and our learnings from that game.

We have limited seating for games – 70 if attendees are individuals and 120 if there are extended households attending. These numbers include staff, volunteers and children. You may not be granted admittance if we have reached our attendance capacity. We are looking into streaming the games on-line if there is interest.

Dress warm for games...you may be seated outside for the entire game. There are limited seats in the lobby and a limited number of people will be able to enter the lobby between periods.

A PROPERLY WORN FACE MASK, USE OF HAND SANITIZER, PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND SIGNING IN IS MANDATORY. DO

NOT ATTEND A GAME IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL, HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19 OR ARE AWAITING TEST RESULTS FOR COVID-19.

Traffic is one-way in the arena, so you will be instructed on the direction to go to get to your seat and where to exit the building.



INTERACTION WITH PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS IS PROHIBITED.

Adherence to all Covid-19 protocols is required to ensure our players, guests, staff and volunteers remain healthy and to enable the Hesje Centre to continue to operate this season.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Day	Game Date	Away Team	Home Team	Game Time
Friday	11/06/2020	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Dalmeny Sabres	8:30 PM
Saturday	11/07/2020	Dalmeny Sabres	Birch Hills Blackhawks	8:00 PM
Friday	11/20/2020	Warman Wildcats	Birch Hills Blackhawks	8:30 PM
Saturday	11/21/2020	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Warman Wildcats	8:15 PM
Friday	12/04/2020	Shellbrook Silvertips	Birch Hills Blackhawks	8:30 PM
Saturday	12/05/2020	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Shellbrook Silvertips	8:00 PM
Friday	12/11/2020	Rosthern Wheatkings	Birch Hills Blackhawks	8:30 PM
Saturday	12/12/2020	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Rosthern Wheatkings	8:30 PM
Friday	01/08/2021	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Hague Royals	8:30 PM
Saturday	01/09/2021	Hague Royals	Birch Hills Blackhawks	8:00 PM
Friday	01/15/2021	Shellbrook Silvertips	Birch Hills Blackhawks	8:30 PM
Sunday	01/17/2021	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Shellbrook Silvertips	2:30 PM
Friday	01/22/2021	Birch Hills Blackhawks	Rosthern Wheatkings	8:30 PM
Saturday	01/23/2021	Rosthern Wheatkings	Birch Hills Blackhawks	8:30 PM

November Birchview Calendar

November							2020
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Am- Hair Care 2:30- Exercise	3 10:30- Bible study w Vicki 2:30-Baking	4 10:30- Walk by Wednesdays 10:30- Yahtzee	5	6 10:30- Manicures 2:30- Bingo	7	
8	9 Am- Hair Care 2:30- Wheel of Fortune	10 10:30- Facts & Trivia 2:30- Baptist Church	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY <i>Let us Forget</i> (Annelle) 10:30- Walk by Wednesdays	12 (Krista) 10:30- Baking 2:30- Winter Themed Paint Party	13 (Annelle) 10:30- Helping Hands 2:30- Bingo	14	
15	16 No Rec	17 (Annelle) 10:30- Bible study w Vicki 2:30- <i>Making Lefsa</i>	18 (Annelle) 10:30- Walk by Wednesdays 2:30- Exercise	19 10:30- Reminiscing Game	20 Lunch Club – Build your own pizza 2:30- Bingo 	21	
22	23 	24 10:30- Bible study w Vicki <i>Starting Christmas Decorating</i>	25 (Annelle) Winter Themed Brunch For Everyone 10:30- Walk by Wednesdays <i>Christmas Decorating</i>	26  <i>Decorating For Christmas</i>	27 10:30- Helping Hands 2:30- Bingo	28	
29	30 Am- Hair Care 2:30- Hot Cocoa Bar						

I am putting this into the newsletter to advise the Residents and visitors of Birch Hills that the annual Act of Remembrance on Remembrance Day will not be occurring as regularly scheduled this year. At our meeting we discussed Remembrance Day. We have several things to consider, the top most priority is the safety of the public. We can only have a maximum of 30 people gathered as per Provincial guidelines and private gatherings are currently limited to 15 due to the increase in cases in this area. We will be unable to use the Civic Center this year and our Branch Hall is too small to accommodate the number of people while also maintaining social distancing. We thought about doing something similar to what will be done Nationally and livestream a small ceremony so people could tune in. There were several logistical problems with that plan. Instead what we will be doing is filming the ceremony on November 7th with a small number of Legion Members practising all the recommended guidelines. The people who would normally place a wreath will have their names read out in appreciation and I would ask that you please contact Wayne Boyle at 306-749-3219 if you are interested in placing a wreath. The film will be uploaded and can be viewed online and we will make copies available for people who cannot view the ceremony online. I understand that this is not the most ideal circumstance however it appears to be the best possible risk mitigation strategy.

Remembrance Day is a very important day of the year for Canadians, it is a chance to reflect on sacrifice and service before self. The Legion in Birch Hills has provided community contributions for many years through supporting Veterans, Military and RCMP Personnel, Cadets and the Community. We do this through the Poppy Campaign, Remembrance Day, Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament and assisting with various public functions. These are all volunteer led, no one is paid for their time and it requires coordination. If a community loses their Legion, they lose out on many volunteer services in that community. We need members, any Canadian over 18 can be a Legion member. You do not have to have prior military or RCMP experience. I would ask that you please consider membership which keeps our Branch going.

Thank you for your time,

Russell Barton

President

Birch Hills Public Library will be hosting an online silent auction on Facebook from Friday, November 20 starting at 1:00 pm and ending Thursday, November 26 at 1:00 pm.

Our link: <https://www.facebook.com/Birch-Hills-Public-Library-301671253308035/>

As well, we are looking for any books, DVDs, or audio CDs that patrons may want to donate for the auction.

Pick up craft kits available every Tuesday at the Birch Hills Public Library. Call (306)749-3281 to reserve your kit!

Waiting for trade shows? Well wait no more!

Sat, Nov 7 from 10-2. Brancepeth Hall

We are able to resume our beginner linedance classes on Monday, November 22 at 9:30 at the former youth Centre on Bellamy Ave.

We do require those interested to register by responding to this e-mail or call or text Gaylene at 749-7474 or Sandra at 749-7040.

We will have a limited number of dancers we can accommodate due to covid-19 space restrictions. So if you are interested let us know.



Club DJ

Games Crafts Friends Awards Stories Special Events

Club DJ is an inter-denominational club program designed for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. At Club, children participate in many different activities such as crafts, games, and a bible story time. Each station is filled with creativity and will keep kids wanting to come back for more! Plus... Each child can earn Club DJ coins at their own pace by memorizing Bible verses and doing take-home lessons, along with coins for just coming and even bringing friends. These coins can then be used to receive awards of their choosing from the Club DJ General Store!

Lake Dark Baptist Church

Every Tuesday 6:45 – 8:30pm starting October 20th

(Kids will move through sanitized spaces/stations, and remain in isolated and consistent groups of 15 throughout the program. All COVID protocols will be followed.)

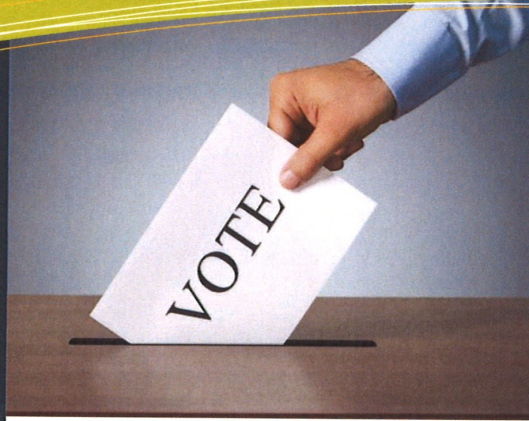
TEXT RACHELLE AT (306)314-1234 TO REGISTER.

Cost is \$40 to cover book and crafts.

**HEARTS THAT DESIRE
TO PLEASE GOD!**

2020 Municipal Election

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS



ELECTION DAY

Monday,
November 9, 2020

Candidates

MAYOR

Dale Pratt

Randy Wojcichowsky

COUNCILLOR

Dean J. Braaten

Barry Evans

Lyle Evans

John Herd

Heather Knutson

Keith Matheson

Shannon Simpso

Owen Stubbs

Graham Tweten

ELECTION DAY:

Monday,

November 9th, 2020

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Birch Hills Civic Centre

ADVANCED POLL:

Friday,

October 30th, 2020

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Birch Hills Civic Centre

Voter Eligibility

To vote in a town in Saskatchewan, you must:

- be a Canadian Citizen;
- be at least 18 years of age;
- have lived in Saskatchewan for at least six (6) consecutive months immediately before election day, and:
 - a. lived in the municipality (or on land now in the municipality) for at least three (3) consecutive months immediately before election day; or
 - b. be the owner of assessable land situated in the municipality (or land now situated in the municipality) for at least three (3) consecutive months immediately before election day.

Voter Information

You can vote at the polling station set up for your municipality. Check the Notice of Poll for the location of your polling place. The polling stations are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. You will be required to provide proof of identity to vote. Instructions on how to vote will be posted at the polling station. If you need help, the Deputy Returning Officer who gives you your ballot will assist you.

Voter Identification

Acceptable photo identification is ID that is government-issued, valid and has your photo, name and address. If your identification does not meet these criteria, it will not be recognized as an acceptable form of photo identification. For a complete list of acceptable identification, view Appendix D – Table 1 page 70-72 of *The Local Government Election Regulations, 2015*.

A Canadian passport is not an acceptable form of photo identification because it does not contain your address. However, a Canadian passport can be used as identification if paired with another document that has your name and address on it.

If you don't have photo identification and are unable to obtain photo-ID before Election Day, you can present two other pieces of information, as long as both contain your name and at least one contains your address.

Covid-19

Please practice social distancing and consider wearing a mask upon arriving at the polling place. Masks and sanitizer will be made available. Please enter through the front entrance only. Absolutely no congregating in the entrance or exit. The polling place will be sanitized periodically and all election officials will be equipped with PPE.

NOTICE OF POLL

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

1. A poll has been granted for the election of:

Mayor: Town of Birch Hills

Councillor: Town of Birch Hills
Number to be elected: 6

2. Voting will take place on Monday, the 9th day of November, 2020, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following polling places:

Polling Area No.	Polling Place	Address
1	Birch Hills Civic Centre	126 McCallum Avenue
2	Birch Hills Civic Centre	126 McCallum Avenue

3. I will declare the result of the election at 126 McCallum Avenue (Town Office) on the 10th day of November, 2020, at the hour of 11:00 am.

<i>Polling Place</i>	<i>Address</i>
Birch Hills Civic Centre	126 McCallum Avenue

Dated at Birch Hills, this 8th day of October, 2020



Tara Gariepy
Returning Officer