

Town of Birch Hills August 2022 Newsletter



Summer time fun!

Photo Competition

Time to shake things up!

The Town will be having a photo competition from August 1st to August 31st. Send us your best Town of Birch Hills images whether they be scenic, historic, cultural, artsy or otherwise; we want to see them! We will be displaying the images for the month of September on Social Media and in the office, taking the entries to a community-wide vote. Five images will be chosen and will be used on platforms such as Facebook, the Town's website, promotional materials, etc. Show off your skills and be entered to win a locally sourced prize! Each participant will have 1 entry into the draw. The winning photographers of the 5 chosen photos will receive public recognition and a \$25.00 Visa gift card (limited to 1 prize per participant).

Please send your entries to birchhills.town@sasktel.net. For more information, please contact the Town office.

Videos posted to webpage

Head over to our Website or our Facebook page (Town of Birch Hills Municipal Office) for the latest news and media! We recently posted 2 video links; the Public Water Meeting from June 3rd, 2022 and the Duane Lowe Community Centre Grand Opening from June 4th, 2022.



Riders Grey Gup

Richardson Pioneer and Birch Hills Golf Course Grey Cup Community Celebration is happening on Saturday, August 27th, 2022. The event will consist of a parade, tailgate BBQ, fireworks, grey cup photos, a cheque presentation, coloring contests, flag football, golf tournament, steak supper, family dance, fireworks and a licensed dance. For updates, changes to any scheduled items and for media and content relating to this event, please follow or contact the Birch Hills Grey Cup Committee at bhgreycup@gmail.com or by following Birch Hills SK Golf Course on Facebook.



Bylaw Enforcement

We would like to again remind the community that Bylaw Enforcement will be strictly adhering to all Bylaws, regulations and policies alongside the office to ensure that Bylaw's are not being contravened and that properties are being maintained. In the near future you can expect to see an updated Waste and Recycle Bylaw, updated Nuisance Abatement Bylaw and others. There will be a strong Bylaw presence within the Town this season. Warning notices will only be issued once, thereafter charges and penalties being levied against the property. Please also note that Order to Remedies will be followed up with immediately and action will be taken to mediate unattended properties. If the issue is not remedied after a warning notice goes out, we will send out Town staff to clean up unkept property and will bill the property owner. We want to have a healthy and safe community and we can only have that if everybody does their part.

Items to be mindful of this season:

- Junked vehicles
- Dilapidated buildings
- Damaged, unoccupied buildings
- Open excavations on property
- Land that is overgrown with grass and weeds
- Dead or hazardous trees
- Sharp or dangerous objects in yard
- Building materials, scrapped lumber, scrap metal
- Rodent infestations



If your property has any of the above items, PLEASE HAVE THE ISSUE REMEDIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID BYLAW NOTICES AND FINES.

*Parked vehicles during snow removal and street sweeping: Please keep in mind that the Town hires for services such as street sweeping, and if your vehicle is not removed, it is a waste of taxpayer's money as well as creates access issues for equipment. Please remove your vehicle when advised to on our social media pages, website, newsletter(s), Heartbeat, bulletin boards and other forms of media. We publish the dates and times in advance to allow for ample time to make other parking arrangements.

Birch Hills Dance Centre Summer Camps

When: Thursday, August 18th, 2022 Where: Birch Hills Dance Centre Who: Register your dancer by clicking on the link in the Instagram or Facebook bio.

Threshing Days

When: Sunday, August 14th, 2022 / begins at 7:30am with a Pancake Breakfast What: Parade, Music, Threshing Demonstration, Tradeshow, Njaa's Milk House, Children's Fun

Birchview Fun Day

When: Sunday, August 14th, 2022 / 10am-4pm What: 11th Annual Farmer's Market, 50/50 and Raffle Draws and a Silent Auction

Policy and Procedure updates

Please be advised that with our changing policies, procedures and media updates, you will notice some changes in the coming months. Some of which include the following (but not limited to): New / updated policies having to do with a variety of municipal matters such as garbage / recycling, zoning, enforcement of Bylaws, etc; updated Bylaws and policies sections on the Town of Birch Hills website; updated forms and permits; continuation of monthly newsletters dealing with municipal matters; additional of a public agenda section on the Town of Birch Hills website; strategic planning efforts including short term, mid and long range forecasting; municipal surveys for ratepayers; updated emergency measures plan (EMO) for the Town of Birch Hills; Third Party administration being implemented for the Birch Hills Fire Department and Emergency Services; and more. Please stay informed by following the Town of Birch Hills Municipal Office Facebook page and referring to the Town website, newsletters (sent out with Utility Bills) and other public forums or boards.

General Reminders

Please call the Town office ahead of time for compost runs, water shut off, etc if you are able to do so as this improves your chances of getting it looked after in a timely fashion.



