

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

May 1st, 2020

Issue 233



New Clubhouse Donations Welcome

Donations may be made by:

1. Cash or cheque at the Birch Hills Golf Course
2. Cash, cheque, debit or credit at the Birch Hills Town Office
3. Cheques mailed to Birch Hills Golf Course, Box 280, Birch Hills, SK, S0J 0G0 or
4. E-transferred to birchhills.town@sasktel.net (please specify that it is for the Golf Course and include your name and mailing address so we may issue tax receipts.)

Donations over \$20.00 will receive an official tax receipt; cheques must be made out to The Town of Birch Hills with the memo field stating "Golf Clubhouse Fund".

MAY issues of this Birch Hills activity newsletter are sponsored by:

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact 306-749-7451/birchhillsrec@sasktel.net. The cost is \$100 by 3 sponsors (\$300/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for everyone.

GAZEBO RENTAL
STRUTHERS LAKE REGIONAL PARK
Available May 22, 2020 to September 7, 2020
Rental: Daily \$200.00 Half Day \$100.00 (stove, bbq, fridges)

SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL PARKS
CAMPING 2020
Struthers Lake Regional Park
Campsite
Electrical: \$30.00 /night
Non Electrical: \$15.00/night
Cabin Rental
\$65.00-\$75.00 /night
Group Camping/renting available
Day Pass
\$5.00/day
\$45.00 per season
Follow us on Facebook
Bookings start on April 1, 2020 @ 8am by phone:

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BIRCH HILLS CONNECT



Connect is a new Municipal Communication system that allows the Town to share community information with residents on a regular basis and on multiple platforms. The system will keep you alerted on the latest news, events, weather, and emergency alert messages from Canada's national emergency alerting system



STEP 1

Register With Us

Go to www.birchhills.ca under "Birch Hills Connect" select "Register With Us"



Choose How

You can choose how you want to receive information. We want to use what best fits your life whether it be emails, text messages, phone calls, or a combination of platforms

STEP 2

Choose What

You can choose what kind of information you want to receive. If you're interested in being notified about emergencies, road closures, changes with garbage pick-up, water advisories, community events, that's what we'll send you!



STEP 3

Stay Informed & Involved

Connect will take care of the rest! You won't have to worry about being uninformed and can focus on participating in our community



STEP 4

Crystal Springs Rec Co-op

**ALL EVENTS POSTPONED
UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

RECYCLE

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



Lon Borgerson

Thank you!



NDP Candidate

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lon@saskndp.ca FB/Lonborgerson

This is a time to thank all the “frontline heroes”...

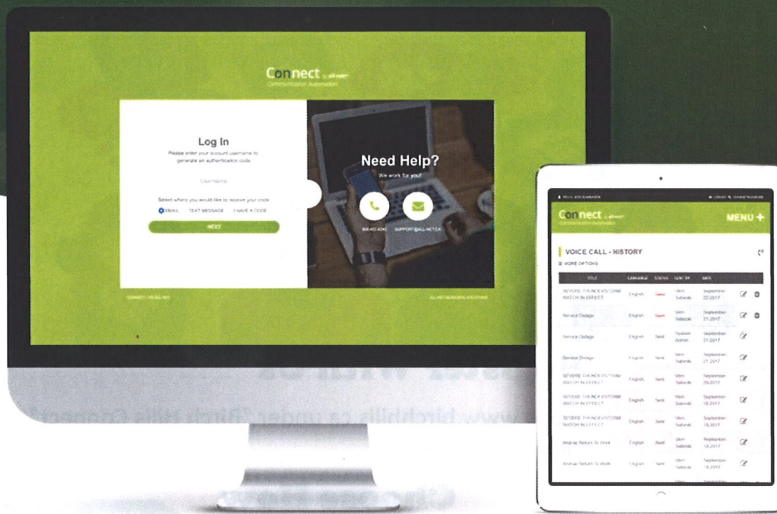
*Health care workers
Caregivers of Seniors & Elders
Childcare staff, postal workers
Clerks, cashiers & cleaners
Truckers and delivery drivers
Police and first responders
Journalists and reporters...*

We thank ALL those who keep us healthy, safe, informed & connected.



STAY CONNECTED Stay Safe

We are proud to announce the launch of our brand new communication system that will keep you alerted on the latest news, events, weather, and emergency alert messages from Canada’s national emergency alerting system (Alert Ready) for the Town of Birch Hills with alert options that include:



Voice Call



Text Message



E-Mail



Social Media

Visit Our Website!
www.birchhills.ca

Not online? Call the Town Office at (306) 749-2232

A Special thank you to Brenda and Joe and the Birch Hills Senior Housing for the lovely Meat package. Also the Soup from Jan + Stan on behalf of all the Birch Hills Seniors in our units. Thank You, love you all

Delores Jones

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Thank you all for helping me

- Bike Bob

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN Church UPCOMING
EVENTS

279 McCallum Avenue

Sunday, May 3rd 11:00am - Third Sunday After
Easter

Wednesday, May 6th 7:30pm - Bible Study

Sunday, May 10th - Fourth Sunday After Easter

Wednesday, May 13th 7:30pm - Bible Study

Please join the Parish of St. Mary's - Birch Hills,
St. George's - Kinistino and St. James' - Musko-
day for virtual Church and Bible Study brought
to you over Zoom.

To receive the link and the order of worship,
please email Father Jordan
at jordan_draper@hotmail.com to ensure he has
your email address. We are also looking into dial-
in options for people without internet/cell ser-
vices. Please call Father Jordan @ 306-749-2229
if you are interested.

Please pass this invitation on to others - all are
welcome.



Follow us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/

Birch Hills Public Library

**Birch Hills Public Library Re-
port**

Unfortunately we have had to
close due to the COVID-19 Vi-
rus. If you have any library
material out, you can keep it
until we open again. There
won't be any late charges. If
you are not able to keep the
material until we open again,
please feel free to use the out-
side book drop.

As well, due to the virus we
have had to postpone our Ga-
la until the fall. Please check
our Facebook page for up-
dates.

The Birch Hills Blackhawks
would like to thank their coaching
staff for their dedication and ex-
pertise - Todd Becker, Bruce Til-
ford, Zach Becker and Mike
Markell.

Hay Tender

The Town invites tenders for hay on Town Property. The tender will be a 3-year term.
The areas to be hayed:

- The Town Reservoir
- Land between the Airport and Town Waste Site
- Town snow dump - area North side of Ward Road

We would like to receive the tenders in a cost per bale tender price.

If you would be interested in tendering, please submit your per bale tender to the Town Office
by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

Birch Hills Golf Course making history! Join our VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2019 player members are invited to join our virtual Annual General Meeting on May 9, 2020 at 2:00 pm. The virtual meeting will be held using the app "Zoom". If you have Zoom you'll be able to join the virtual meeting by clicking on the "Join Zoom Meeting" link. If you do not have the Zoom app, you can still dial in by calling the 1-844 number and including the meeting ID number.

Other interested parties may also join the virtual meeting, however only 2019 player members and 2020 Social members (\$25.00 fee emailed to birch-hillsrec@sasktel.net prior to meeting) will have voting rights.

If you are interested in joining in please send your email address to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net as soon as possible. You will be invited to the virtual meeting via email and all the info you will need to join the meeting will be included in that email. It will look similar to the image below.

In the meantime DUE TO COVID 19, THE BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NO TRESPASSING ALLOWED.

**Town of Birch Hills
Property Assessment & Appeals**

Earlier, notice had been given that the assessment roll for the Town of Birch Hills for the year of 2020 was open from April 9, 2020 to May 11, 2020.

Due to the Government of Saskatchewan's Minister's Order from the Ministry of Government Relations, the assessment period has been extended 30 days.

Therefore, if you wish to appeal against your assessment you must file by 4:00 pm on June 10, 2020.

Thank you,
Town of Birch Hills

These are the rules laid out in the re-open Saskatchewan plan that golf courses will have to comply with if they want to open their doors to business. Please stay tuned for the Birch Hills Golf Course local rules that will be implemented to comply with these rules and to support our staff and golf course.

For general workplace guidelines, please refer to COVID-19 Workplace Information on P. 10. All businesses operating in Saskatchewan must be in compliance with these guidelines. The information below provides specific information for golf courses, which can begin operation on May 15, 2020.

- ☑ Expand cleaning and disinfection of common/high-touch surfaces in accordance with the public health order.
- ☑ Physical distancing must be observed at all times, with a minimum of two metres between individuals.
- ☑ Employees must have access to gloves and sanitizing wipes, and are required to stay home if they are unwell or symptomatic.
- ☑ Signage must be posted to caution players about the risks of COVID-19.
- ☑ Players exhibiting signs of illness will not be permitted to play.
- ☑ All players must have a tee time, no walk-on players will be permitted.
- ☑ Payment must be made in advance by telephone or online – cash cannot be accepted.
- ☑ Tee times must be a minimum of 20 minutes apart to avoid congestion on the course.
- ☑ Flags must remain in place and cups elevated so the ball does not drop into the hole. Play is concluded when the ball makes contact with the cup.
- ☑ All rakes and ball washers must be removed from the course.
- ☑ Washroom facilities on the course must remain closed to players and the public.
- ☑ Driving range and practice putting/chipping greens must remain closed at all times.
- ☑ Walking is encouraged.
- ☑ Limit of one person per golf cart, unless the occupants reside in the same household.
- ☑ If rental golf carts are used, they must be fully sanitized between uses.
- ☑ Golf club and pull-cart rentals are prohibited.
- ☑ Remove bulk scorecard, pencil and tee holders from starter areas.
- ☑ Retail sales must be restricted to curbside pick-up or delivery.
- ☑ All food and beverage service is suspended, except curbside pick-up or delivery. Call-ahead for pick up.
- ☑ Washrooms at the clubhouse will be sanitized regularly, with only one individual allowed at a time.
- ☑ Drink/snack carts may not operate.
- ☑ Locker rooms must be closed. Players can change footwear in the parking lot.
- ☑ The clubhouse (with exception of the washrooms) and common spaces (decks, gazebos, and picnic areas) must remain closed.
- ☑ Private/group lessons, league play and tournaments are prohibited.

For additional information, please call the Business Response Team at 1-844-800-8688 or email supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Rural Municipality of Birch Hills No. 460

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the RM of Birch Hills No. 460 for the year of 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the following days: Monday to Friday inclusive May 1st to July 3rd, 2020, except public holidays as per the regulation below.

Due to COVID-19 the RM office is closed to the public until further notice. The viewing of the assessment roll shall be by appointment only during this time. This provision takes into consideration social distancing and upon confirmation that the interested party has not been in contact with someone who has been confirmed as having COVID-19 and has not travelled within the past 14 days prior to the scheduled appointment to view the assessment roll. To book an appointment, call 306-749-2233 or email rm460@sasktel.net.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$50.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with:

The Assessor
RM of Birch Hills No. 460
Box 369
279 Bellamy Avenue
Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0
By the 3rd day of July, 2020

Dated this 1st day of May, 2020
Cherie Opseth, Assessor

We the residents of the senior housing would like to thank the Birch Hills Housing authority and Brenda and Joe. The awesome gift from Brenda's Blue Ribbon Beef was wonderful. Such a nice thought when people are down and shut in.

Thank you,

Stay Safe

Faye Eriksson.



2019/2020

For a coloured copy please visit the Town of Birch Hills Page.

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Brown Bin Garbage Collection Day
Blue Bin Recycle Collection Day
Town Compost / Garden pick-up
Clean up Week / Set out compost only