

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](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

# Birchview May Calendar

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday                              |   |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <i>May 2020</i>   |   |   |  |  |  | 1                                     | 2 |
|   |   |   |  |  | AM- Hair Care & Outdoor Walks<br>2:30- BINGO   |                                       |   |
| 3   | AM- Hair Care<br>2:30- Reminiscing Game   | 4<br>10:30- Church Service<br> | 5<br>AM- Hair & Nail care<br>2:30- Group Exercise  | 6<br>10:30- Bible Study w Vicki<br>2:30- Popcorn Party   | 7<br><small>May Day</small><br>(Annelle)<br>AM- Hair Care & Outdoor Walks<br>2:30- BINGO | 8                                     | 9 |
|  | 11<br>AM- Hair Care<br>2:30- Spring Word Association Game                               | 12<br>AM- Outdoor Walks<br>2:30- Video Church Service   | 13<br>AM- One on Ones 2:30-<br> | 14<br>10:30- Bible Study w Vicki<br>2:30- Ice Cream Sundaes  | 15<br>AM- Hair Care & Outdoor Walks<br>2:30- BINGO                                       | 16                                    |   |
| 17  | 18<br> | 19<br>AM- Outdoor Walks<br>2:30- Video Church Service   | 20<br>AM- Hair & Nail care<br>2:30- Live Concert Hang Out  | 21<br>10:30- Bible Study w Vicki<br>2:30- Bean Bag Memory Game   | 22<br>AM- Hair Care & Outdoor Walks<br>2:30- BINGO                                       | 23<br><small>Armed Forces Day</small> |   |
| 24  | 25<br>AM- Hair Care<br>2:30- Parachute Play<br><small>Memorial Day</small>              | 26<br>AM- Calendar Prep<br>2:30- Video Church Service   | 27<br>AM- One on Ones<br>2:30- Reminiscing Game  | 28<br>10:30- Bible Study w Vicki<br><br>2:30- Ice Cream Floats | 29<br>(Annelle)<br>AM- Hair Care & Outdoor Walks<br>2:30- BINGO                          | 30                                    |   |
| 31  |   |   |  |  |  |                                       |   |

**Thank You Birch Hills Community!**

Birchview has been treated to such fun visits in these last weeks.

From artists, to birth announcements, even horses strolled through town!

We greatly appreciate your sentiments 😊

& Hello from in here!

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN Church UPCOMING EVENTS

279 McCallum Avenue

Sunday, May 17th Fifth Sunday after Easter

Sunday, May 24, Sunday After Ascension

Sunday, May 31 Day of Pentecost

Please join the Parish of St. Mary's - Birch Hills, St. George's - Kinistino and St. James' - Muskoday 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](mailto:jordan_draper@hotmail.com) to ensure he has your email address. We are also looking into dial-in options for people without internet/cell services. 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/bhkmparish](http://www.facebook.com/bhkmparish)



**Birch Hills Public Library**

**Birch Hills Public Library Report**

Unfortunately we have had to close due to the COVID-19 Virus. 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 outside book drop.

As well, due to the virus we have had to postpone our Gala until the fall. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

*Lon Borgerson*



**NDP Candidate**

**Batoche**

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COVID-19 has shown us how much we need reliable high speed internet in rural areas:

- for telehealth appointments
- for online education supports
- for farmers & local businesses
- for public services when offices are closed
- for families to keep in touch, especially with Seniors and Elders in care homes

The NDP (CCF) once brought electricity to 66,000 farms.

In the same way, it's time to make high speed internet an essential service for everyone ...no matter where you live.

Summer Employment  
Summer Student  
Town of Birch Hills

The Town of Birch Hills invites applications for the position of a summer student. Applicants must be a student returning to high school in the fall.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

This position will require the applicant to assist the town maintenance crew within the Public Works Department. The expected hours will be a minimum of 30 hours per week with the potential to increase to full time. Applicants must hold a valid class 5 drivers license.

**DUTIES & MAINTENANCE**

- Assist in grounds-keeping duties including cutting and trimming grass, watering, weeding, and general clean-up duties
- Painting of buildings, curbs, etc.
- Assist in general pothole repair and maintenance
- Perform other related duties as assigned

Students that are interested in summer employment with the Town of Birch Hills are asked to submit a detailed resume by 4:00 p.m. May 27, 2020 to:

Town of Birch Hills  
126 McCallum Avenue  
Box 206  
BIRCH HILLS SK S0J 0G0  
Fax: 306-749-2545  
Email: [birchhills.town@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhills.town@sasktel.net)

The Birch Hills Golf Course opened today (Friday, May 15th! All tee times must be booked - NO WALK-ONS. Members can book rounds 8 days out and non-members can book 4 days out. Call 306-749-2211 to book your tee time.

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, if you have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19, or if you have left the province in the last 14 days **PLEASE STAY HOME.**

Please familiarize yourself with the Birch Hills Golf Course golfing policies.

Like us on Facebook at Birch Hills SK Golf Course to keep current on future updates and notifications. **STAY SAFE / STAY HEALTHY**

## Crystal Springs Rec Co-op

**ALL EVENTS POSTPONED  
UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

### NOTICE

Please take note that the **Birch Hills Annual Garage Sale Day** is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Town of Birch Hills would like residents to take note that all garage and yard sales are not permitted until further notice. Garage and Yard sales are not considered critical public services and are not named as an allowable business under the Saskatchewan ReOpen plan.

#### Birch Hills Golf Course COVID-19 Policies (as of May 8, 2020)

- 2020-05-08 Social distancing (2m/6ft) is required AT ALL TIMES on the property.
- 2020-05-08 Provincial guidelines, legislation and fines apply while on the property, and must be strictly adhered to.
- 2020-05-08 Failure to comply with social distancing or any listed policies will result in removal from the course until policies are lifted.

##### BEFORE YOUR ROUND

- 2020-05-08 All tee times MUST be prebooked – WALK-ONS will NOT be permitted. Call 306-749-2211 to book (Tee-on on-line booking will be available in the near future - <https://www.tee-on.com>).
- 2020-05-08 Arrive no more than 15 minutes before your round and arrive on-time as we won't have the flexibility to fit you in.
- 2020-05-08 Tee times are now booked every 12 minutes (previously 10 minutes).
- 2020-05-08 If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, if you have been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19, or if you have left the province in the last 14 days **STAY HOME.**

##### FACILITY CHANGES

- 2020-05-08 The course washroom is closed; clubhouse washrooms are open.
- 2020-05-08 Hand sanitizer is available outside and inside the clubhouse and outside the cart shed.
- 2020-05-08 All carts, keys and cooler bags are sanitized after each use.
- 2020-05-08 CREDIT or DEBIT are the preferred payment methods at the clubhouse. Payment over the phone (306-749-2211) or e-transfer are also permitted ([birchhillsgolfcourse@gmail.com](mailto:birchhillsgolfcourse@gmail.com)).

##### UPON ARRIVAL

- 2020-05-08 Only 1 person is allowed in the clubhouse at a time; maintain social distancing
- 2020-05-08 All golfers must use hand sanitizer before entering the clubhouse.
- 2020-05-08 Please wait to be assigned a cart.
- 2020-05-08 Carts may be shared if the two riders reside in the same household; proof of residence is required. This also applies to personal carts.
- 2020-05-08 Ensure the group in front of you has left the first tee box before making your way there. All golfers must wait to tee off until their assigned time (NO EXCEPTIONS).

##### YOUR GOLFING EXPERIENCE

- 2020-05-08 A maximum of four players per group is permitted.
- 2020-05-08 Social distancing (2m/6ft) is required AT ALL TIMES, including with all golf course staff.
- 2020-05-08 Ball washers have been removed.
- 2020-05-08 Personal touching is not permitted at any time (includes handshakes, high fives, etc.).
- 2020-05-08 Flag poles are to remain in the hole AT ALL TIMES. Your ball is considered in the hole when it makes contact with the pin.
- 2020-05-08 Only touch your own personal items – balls, clubs and golf bags, etc.
- 2020-05-08 When letting other groups play through, please maintain social distancing
- 2020-05-08 The beverage cart will not be operating. You may purchase your food and drinks prior to your round – preordering is recommended. Bringing your own liquor is still illegal.

##### AFTER YOUR ROUND

- 2020-05-08 Maintain social distancing in the parking lot.
- 2020-05-08 Return your golf cart (power or pull) to the designated area.
- 2020-05-08 Keys and cooler bags are to be left in the cart.
- 2020-05-08 DISPOSE OF ALL OF YOUR GARBAGE IN A GARBAGE CAN OR TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU.
- 2020-05-08 Leave immediately after your round; NO CONGREGATING IN THE PARKING LOT OR CAMPGROUND.

**STAY SAFE / STAY HEALTHY**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2020

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020  
Cherie Opseth, Assessor

### The Town of Birch Hills Annual Street Sweeping.



The Contractors will be starting  
on Monday, May 25, 2020.

If you live on a paved street, please ensure  
your vehicles are removed so the contractors  
will be able to sweep all areas.

Thank you for your cooperation!!

### RECYCLE

Please Share your Newsletter with a friend.  
Send request to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) to  
receive the news letter online.



Thank you all for helping me

- Bike Bob