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Effective June 1st, golfers will be able to book their tee times on-line at www.birchhillsgolfcourse.ca. Members will receive an email with their profile information. Public players can create a profile or use their existing Tee-on profile. Please ensure you are booking at the Birch Hills, SK Golf Course and not the one in California.

Also be sure to cancel any tee times you won't be using - we have been very busy and people are looking for tee times. Happy Golfing



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JUNE NEWSLETTER
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Coming Soon

**To the Hamlets of Brancepeth & Hagen
Truck Fill Stations**

The RM of Birch Hills is in the process of setting up an electronic payment method using key fobs for the Hamlets of Brancepeth and Hagen. More information will be provided once the system is operational. In the meantime please continue using the coin operated system.



SMHI is for land owners or lessees of Crown-owned land in Saskatchewan

- To qualify you need to own the land and your entire crop seeded must be insured, unless an Application for Exemption of Crops form is submitted prior to April 30th each year.
- Coverage options include, full, straight and disappearing deductibles.
- Once enrolled your coverage is continuous, crop reports due by June 15 each year.
- **Early payment discounts for the RM of Birch Hills & interest free until December 31st as per below:**
 - August 6%
 - September 5%
 - October 4%
 - November 2%
 - December – no discount
- In effect between May 15th and October 31st or when harvested.



AMHL is a crop hail insurance company established in 1924.

- Insurance is available to anyone with an insurable interest in the crop and is purchased through a licensed agent.
 - Coverage is effective at 12:00 pm the day following your application and is in effect until harvest or up to October 31st.
 - All crops are insured for loss from fire up to October 31st.
 - Up to \$500/acre coverage (conditions apply).
 - Losses of 85% and over are assessed at 100%.
 - All crops covered, standing or in the swath.
 - Last day for application is August 1st.
- Payment options:**
- Cash or Credit Card at time of purchase
 - Deferred cash payment due August 1st at cash rate.
 - Promissory Note due October 15th (conditions apply).

**For more information regarding
SMHI & AMHL contact
CHERIE OPSETH**
Administrator, RM of Birch Hills No. 460
Phone: 306-749-2233
Email: rm460@sasktel.net

Lon Borgerson



NDP Candidate
Batoche

lon@saskndp.ca FB/Lonborgerson

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



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.

Men's League



Match Play Season \$20

Open to Members & Non-Members (green fees apply to non-members)

Email birchhillsgolfcourse@gmail.com or call 306-749-2211 to sign up

Further information on Facebook
More details to follow

Sign up by
Friday

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June
2020

League starts June 8th
League ends August 16th
Alex Dunn Road

306-749-2211

New to Birch Hills Golf Course this year will be a Men's League - a match play season followed by a match play bracket style tournament to determine a champion. This league will be open to both members and non-members (non members will be required to pay green fees as usual). Every week, golfers will be paired up in a regular season match-up that must be completed by the end of the weekend. It will be the responsibility of the 2 players in the match to find a tee time to play throughout the week. If one player cannot play that week it will be considered a forfeit. If both players do not complete their match-up by the end of the weekend, it will be considered a forfeit for both players. Entry fee is \$20. You must be signed up by June 5th-no exceptions. The season will start June 8th and finish by August 16th. Please email birchhills-golfcourse@gmail.com or call 306-749-2211 to sign up. This is a separate event from Men's Nights. More details to follow.

COVID has wiped out much of the agenda for the Birch Hills Historical Society this year. That includes the organization's major summer event, the Threshing and Family Fun Day in mid-August.

We were forced to cancel the June Heritage Day we usually host for the public school, and have had to close the Thrift Shop, regular opening hours and coffee hours. This happened to protect both our valued volunteers and patrons.

There was - and still is - too much uncertainty for us to proceed.

The best we can offer at the moment is that we will be complying with the protective restrictions as the phased provincial re-opening happens.

Until we are able to offer full services again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Duane Mohn, on behalf of the Birch Hills Historical Society.

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN Church UPCOMING EVENTS

279 McCallum Avenue

Sunday, May 31st - Pentecost Sunday @ St. Mary's 9.00AM (10 person limit, while respecting social distancing); to sign up, please contact Fr Jordan Draper: call or text (306) 749-2229.

Monday, June 1st - Monday After Pentecost @ St. Mary's 8.00AM (10 person limit, while respecting social distancing); to sign up, please contact Fr Jordan Draper: call or text (306) 749-2229.

Tuesday, June 2nd - Tuesday After Pentecost @ St. Saviour's 12:00PM (10 person limit, while respecting social distancing); to sign up, please contact Fr Jordan Draper: call or text (306) 749-2229.

Wednesday, June 3rd - Ember Day Zoom Church @ 7:30pm; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89465488244?pwd=MUN3bFozOHJOQVR2UzhORmV0bIBGUT09>

Sunday, June 7th - Trinity Sunday @ St. Mary's 9:00AM (10 person limit, while respecting social distancing); to sign up, please contact Fr Jordan Draper: call or text (306) 749-2229.

Monday, June 8th - Monday After Pentecost @ St. Mary's 8.00AM (15 person limit, while respecting social distancing); to sign up, please contact Fr Jordan Draper: call or text (306) 749-2229.

Tuesday, June 9th - Tuesday After Pentecost @ St. Saviour's 12:00PM (15 person limit, while respecting social distancing); to sign up, please contact Fr Jordan Draper: call or text (306) 749-2229.

Wednesday, June 10th - Zoom Church @ 7:30PM;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89465488244?pwd=MUN3bFozOHJOQVR2UzhORmV0bIBGUT09>

Sunday, June 14th - First Sunday After Trinity @ St. Mary's 9:00AM (15 person limit, while respecting social distancing); to sign up, please contact Fr Jordan Draper: call or text (306) 749-2229.

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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.

The Birch Hills Golf Course is now on-line. Our new website is www.birchhillsgolfcourse.ca. You will find our Covid-19 policies, a copy of the scorecard and our 2020 rates on the website. You can also book a tee time on-line through our website. If you are a member and we have your email address on file, you will have received an email with the profile we created for you. Once you reset your password, you can book your own tee times. You can also call the clubhouse at 306-749-2211 to book tee times or if you have any questions.

As of the date of this submission, we are not yet aware of how Phase 3 of Re-Open Saskatchewan will impact the Birch Hills Golf Course. We will post on Facebook (Birch Hills SK Golf Course) and in the next edition of the

Reminder the Sportsgrounds and Playground are closed due to COVID. Please stay out of the sportsground and stay off the equipment. The facility is not being sanitized on a regular basis.

Summer Employment
Summer Student
Town of Birch Hills

(Extended)

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. June 10, 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

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)

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

BEFORE YOUR ROUND

- 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>).
- Arrive no more than 15 minutes before your round and arrive on-time as we won't have the flexibility to fit you in.
- Tee times are now booked every 12 minutes (previously 10 minutes).
- 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

- The course washroom is closed; clubhouse washrooms are open.
- Hand sanitizer is available outside and inside the clubhouse and outside the cart shed.
- All carts, keys and cooler bags are sanitized after each use.
- 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).

UPON ARRIVAL

- Only 1 person is allowed in the clubhouse at a time; maintain social distancing
- All golfers must use hand sanitizer before entering the clubhouse.
- Please wait to be assigned a cart.
- Carts may be shared if the two riders reside in the same household; proof of residence is required. This also applies to personal carts.
- 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

- A maximum of four players per group is permitted.
- Social distancing (2m/6ft) is required AT ALL TIMES, including with all golf course staff.
- Ball washers have been removed.
- Personal touching is not permitted at any time (includes handshakes, high fives, etc.).
- 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.
- Only touch your own personal items – balls, clubs and golf bags, etc.
- When letting other groups play through, please maintain social distancing
- 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

- Maintain social distancing in the parking lot.
- Return your golf cart (power or pull) to the designated area.
- Keys and cooler bags are to be left in the cart.
- DISPOSE OF ALL OF YOUR GARBAGE IN A GARBAGE CAN OR TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU.
- 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 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

REC Board AGM June 17th @ 7:00pm

Via ZOOM

contact birchhillsrec@sasktel.net if you would like the link.

Rink Board AGM June 16th @ 7:00PM

Via Zoom

Contact birchhillsrec@sasktel.net if you would like the link.

Kinistino Housing is looking for a maintenance person. Please contact Jan Bliss at jbliss.kinistino@housingauthoritiesk.com or (306)961-7401 for further info.

RECYCLE

Please Share your Newsletter with a friend. Send request to birchhillsrec@sasktel.net to receive the news



Thank you all for helping me

- Bike Bob