

# THE BIRCHWOOD BARK

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From the Management Office

**Welcome to *The Birchwood Bark!*** This newsletter is intended to give our growing Birchwood Homes family an update of happenings here at Birchwood. We are excited to hear from our tenants. You may visit the management office or call us at 907.356.1616 during regular business hours Monday— Saturday from 9AM to 6PM, or e-mail us any-time at [timh@birchwoodhomesak.com](mailto:timh@birchwoodhomesak.com).



We would like to take this time in the Holiday Season to extend our gratefulness to you, for choosing to make Birchwood Homes your home. Our mission is to bring the residents of Birchwood Homes the finest quality housing and maintenance service available to Fairbanks families. Wishing you joy as another New Year begins! Welcome 2011!

New Year Edition 2011

## Winter Maintenance

- 1) Please make sure not to leave any trash uncovered outside for any reason. Trash canister lids must be securely fastened before being left on the roadside.
- 2) It is important never to open your windows in the winter time here in Birchwood. If a window is found open and you are unable to close it, please call the office and we will be glad to assist you. If you are unsure that a window is open or not, take a moment to go outside and look around your home. If you notice

frosted areas on the house along the edges of any given window, that will most likely be the one that is open.

3) Please report any dripping faucets (indoors or outdoors), along with running toilets and clogged drains. These circumstances can potentially lead to frozen pipes.

## Electricity

Did you know that there are ways to save energy in your home? Some of these ways include:

1) Using outdoor timers when plugging in vehicles during the winter months. Outdoor timers can be checked out at the Birchwood Office.

2) Running toilets use an excessive amount of hot water from the hot-water tank. Contact the office and we will schedule a work order if this occurs. 3) Auxiliary Heaters can increase electric bills upwards to \$100.00! 4) Using energy saving fluorescent bulbs. 5) Shutting off the light when you leave the room. 6) Do not overstock your refrigerator. Tightly packed food does not allow for the cold air to circulate. 7) It only costs roughly 2 cents per hour to run a crock-pot (slow cooker). Firing up an electric oven burns more than 22 times as much power per hour.

## Special points of interest:

**Congratulations to all the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest! 1st place—1070, 2nd place—940, 3rd place—627 Honorable Mention—**

**644, 701, 738, 866, 1022, 1111, 1212, and 1235. Please come to the Leasing Office to claim your \$10 I-Tunes gift card!**

**We will be closed Dec 31 - Jan 2 in honor of the New Years Holiday.**

Have a  
Happy New  
Year!

