

# 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 anytime 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. Also, welcome home to the soldiers who have returned from Iraq! Thank you for your service! Wishing you joy as another New Year begins! Welcome 2012!

## New Year Edition 2012

### Tour de Cure!

Starting this month, the American Diabetes Association will be teaching a cooking class each month at the 5 bedroom model home. The menu reflects healthy meal choices for your family. If you are a fan of our Facebook page, the menu for the first few classes is available for view on the Events tab.

January's class will take place Thursday, January 12th at 6:00pm. The menu for the class will be Turkey and Wild Rice Soup along with Fruit Salad with Yogurt Dressing.

If you would like to attend a class, please contact the leasing office to reserve a space, due to limited spacing. Phone number: 9 0 7 - 3 5 6 - 1 6 1 6 , [timh@birchwoodhomesak.com](mailto:timh@birchwoodhomesak.com).

### Safety reminders

- Speed limits within Birchwood Homes are 20mph on Alatna & Nebesna Loops, all other roads are 15mph.
- Please adhere to yield signs and keep your vehicle's lights on.
- Place ice melt on your driveways and walkways to help add traction to lessen the likelihood of slips and falls.

### 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—923, 3rd place—944**

**Congratulations to Peggy Charlie! She is the winner of the Facebook contest this month! Please come into the leasing office to receive your prize!**

**Our office will be closed 01/02/2012 in celebration of the New Year Holiday. We will reopen 01/03/2012.**

Have a  
Happy New  
Year!

