

# 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).



It is that time of year when we are all getting excited to see spring and the sunlight along with it! As temperatures are warming and the snow is melting, unsightly trash and waste become more visible. This is all part of spring “break up” in Fairbanks and we will all need to become more diligent in maintaining our yards, porches, driveways, and walkway, to keep Birchwood beautiful for everyone!

St. Patty's Edition 2011

## On-Site News

Along with spring “break-up”, it is that time of year when all of the public roads are cleared off from the hard packed snow that melts in warmer temperatures, potentially causing vehicles to be stranded. Our maintenance team will be diligently working on our two main loops, Nebesna and Alatna Loop through the middle of the month. When they are completed, they will continue on through to the side roads. We ask that caution is taken when the equipment is out. Please do not pass the equipment and stay back 75 ft. It is also important that vehicles continue not to park in the street during this time.

## Safety Reminders

Children should not be playing outside when the snow removal equipment is out. Also, children should not be building “igloos” on site, as it is a safety hazard.

## Trash Day

It's Monday again, did you remember to take your trash out to the curb by 7 am? If you didn't, there is a local Transfer Site in which you can take your trash approximately 4 minutes away. It is located on the corner of Farmer's Loop and the Old Steese Highway behind Mocha Dan's.

Trash Collection Day can be very stressful for a lot of us here in Birchwood. A few good reminders to help it go as smooth as possible in-

clude: 1) Make sure all trash is completely sealed in a trash can. If needed, you can cover extra trash with a large blue tarp or blanket. 2) Uncovered trash, or bags that are hanging out of the edge of trash cans will attract ravens. Ravens can and will open trash cans and dump trash across your yard, street, and neighbors home. 3) Animal waste will not be picked up, it needs to be taken directly to the transfer site. 4) If trash bags are broken into by animals, it will be left behind, and will need to be picked up by tenant immediately. If you have questions regarding trash pick up, please contact the City of Fairbanks at 459-6770. Visit [www.ci.fairbanks.ak.us](http://www.ci.fairbanks.ak.us) for further information.

## Special points of interest:

**Set those clocks ahead! March 13th begins Daylight Savings Time!**

**If you are interested in utilizing the Community Gardens this year, please contact the office.**

**We will be having “Music in the Park” this summer here at Birchwood Homes and we are looking for interested musicians. Please contact the office if you are interested in taking part (You do not have to be a Birchwood Resident to participate)!**

## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

