

# 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).



As Winter approaches, we would like to advise our tenants to carry a Winter Emergency Kit in their vehicles. You never know when you might need it! The Red Cross recommends to keep the following in your vehicles: battery jumper cables, first aid kit, shovel, basic tool kit, pocket knife, sleeping bags or blankets, extra winter clothing, food supply of high-calorie non-perishables, windshield scraper, flashlight and transistor radio with extra batteries, bag of sand, bright colored cloth, cellular phone, power adapter, and extra charged battery.

## Thanksgiving Edition 2011

### Please close those windows!

The number one cause of frozen/burst pipes in a home is due to open windows. If they look closed but not latched, the gap can still be large enough to create a cold draft in your home while allowing heat to escape. Many times during the winter months we receive calls from our tenants stating that their heat is not working. The majority of these calls stem from open windows. When your windows are left open for long periods of time, breakage can occur and you will not be able to close them.

If you are unsure that your windows are closed and latched, viewing the window

from the outside is very helpful. If it does not appear to be flush to the outside wall, please check the latch. When latching, you will visibly see the window draw shut and seal. If you have a window that you are not able to close and latch, please call the office and we will schedule an appointment for our maintenance team to assist you.

### Safety Note

Tenants with school children, please stress the importance of road safety. There have been reports of children running across the roads in the mornings when tenants are driving to work. We appreciate your help addressing this matter.

### We are now on Facebook!

Look for Birchwood Homes on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/birchwoodhomes](http://www.facebook.com/birchwoodhomes). If you are a Facebook user, we encourage you to become a fan, and we will be choosing one of our fans for a prize! Be on the lookout for the winner in the December issue of the Birchwood Bark!

### Vehicles

We would like to remind everyone to park in their designated parking spaces. Vehicles are not to be parked on the grass, as part of the rules. Also, vehicle maintenance is prohibited within Birchwood Homes.

### Special points of interest:

### Congratulations to the following houses:

**1070, 1244, 1079.**

### Great Halloween Decorations!

Join us! Starting January 2012, the Diabetes Association will be teaching a cooking class once a month here in Birchwood. Keep a lookout in the December and January newsletters for more information.

**REMINDER:** Please keep your trash covered! This will help to prevent ravens from picking through the trash. Also, soliciting is prohibited in Birchwood Homes.

**PET REMINDER:** As temperatures drop, please be conscious about leaving pets out for extended periods of time or overnight.

**We will be closed on November 24th and 25th in honor of Thanksgiving Day.**

