

Beaches Energy Services applauds artists living and working in our unique community. In 2012, each issue of Tidings will feature artwork chosen for its ability to depict "The Art of Conservation" and our quality of life here at the beaches. October's featured work is an acrylic painting on canvas entitled "Hannah Dunes" by local artist, Linda Olsen. To view more of her work, visit www.lindaolsenart.com. Read more about the entire Collection by visiting www.beachesenergy.com.





### **Quality of Service is Our Goal**

Beaches Energy Services' goal is to provide consistent and reliable utility services with artful emphasis on exceeding our customers' expectations. Quality of service is a core value of Beaches Energy Services. We remain committed to our community and continue to improve the efficient use and conservation of our energy resources for all. Living daily with awareness and an appreciation of our unique environment is an art.



# **Tidings** Tips: Remember for a Safe Halloween

Are your kids going trick-or-treating this year? Follow the tips below to make sure this holiday of costumes, trickery and sugary treats is safe and fun for all!

• Take a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and so others can see you. LED flashlights are very bright and the shakable, no battery flashlights are a brilliant idea for trick-or-treating!

· Make sure children that trick-or-treat are walking in groups or

with a trusted adult.

- Fasten reflective tape to your children's costumes and bags to help drivers see them.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating.



• Wear well-fitting masks and costumes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.

### **Seal Your Home Against the Colder Weather**

Due to Florida's mild temperatures during the winter, our homes often lack adequate heating and insulation. If you haven't caulked around windows, vents, or other openings, it's a good idea to do so now. Weather stripping around exterior doorways helps keep



your home's heat from escaping through gaps or unsealed openings. In colder weather, keep your drapes and blinds open in the daylight hours to let warming sunshine in, and closed at night to keep freezing temperatures out.

Electric price for 1,000 kilowatt-hours		
	September	October
Base charge, residential	\$4.50	\$4.50
KWH base charge	\$75.57	\$75.57
Power cost adjustment	\$44.84	\$44.84
Total	\$124.91	\$124.91



**Conservation Tip:** When using exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathrooms, remember to turn them off as they are removing heated and cooled air from your home when they are left on.

## **Conservation** is **Practicing Energy Awareness**

**National Energy Awareness** Month is celebrated in October. Throughout October, Beaches **Energy Services wants to** promote smart energy choices and methods for reducing energy consumption in our homes and communities. Each



of us plays a part in the solution for a new energy environment, and the decisions we make every day are important to this goal. Learn how to conserve energy in your home with a free energy audit with Beaches Energy Services.



#### What Our Customers Tell Us

•• In February, I had to replace my air conditioning and heating system and contacted Rik Amato with Beaches Energy to assist me with my concerns on the type and size of the unit. Rik's Amato's advice helped me select the most cost effective system for my home. He also made me aware of Beaches Energy rebates. Rik's evaluation and expertise in energy efficiency was greatly appreciated. Thank you. \*\*

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