

August Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

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Buzz Alert

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Big Sky

APARTMENT LIVING TIP

8 Outdoor Games for Super-Fun Apartment Hangs

Summer is the perfect time to get outside of the apartment and play! Why? It's a great opportunity to hang out with neighbors, meet new friends, and build stronger community relationships. Developing a strong community with those around you is important as we support each other, help keep an eye on one another, and have the chance to have some neighborly fun together on a day-to-day basis. So what are some fun games to can get outside and play? Check out these creative ideas that may be a perfect fit to get out in the community and play:

1. Bocce: All you need is the grass and equipment, and then you can bowl on the lawn!
2. Cornhole: Host a friendly competition to determine who's expert bean bag tossers.
3. Ladder Toss: Can you swing the ropes and snag the ladder better than your neighbors?
4. Lawn Twister: Stretch your legs and show off your flexibility!
5. Giant Jenga: See which team will be the first to carefully remove blocks without making the tower tumble.
6. Badminton: Not ready to play in the Olympics? You can still have fun hitting the birdie.
7. Water Balloon Toss: Share loads of laughs and stay cool thanks to refreshing water balloons.
8. Board Games: Pull out the classics like chess, Rummy or Monopoly, and challenge your neighbors to a friendly game.

Which outdoor apartment games are your favorites? Enjoy the sunny summer weather and play games outside together as you have fun and build community together!

Important Information

Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

Community Manager

Lisa Bryant

August

National Immunization Awareness Month

August Flower - Birthstone

Poppy - Peridot

August Events

Luau - School Supply Drive

COMMUNITY TIP

Park Like a Pro

There's nothing more frustrating than circling the parking lot – only to find that the last available spot is impossible to pull into because other cars are so poorly parked. Be a good neighbor by following these simple parking etiquette pointers.

- Square Up: Are you parked so crooked that it inhibits people from parking in another spot? Take a minute to straighten up your car. Also, avoid parking too close to one side of the spot.
- Slow Down: Speeding around the parking lot can be dangerous! Maintain safe speeds of 5 miles per hour.
- Mind Your Manners: First come, first served should be the rule of thumb in the parking lot. Remember, covered parking is reserved, do not park in someone else's spot unless you have permission. If someone has their blinker on indicating they plan to pull into a spot, don't pull out in front of them.

Parking like a pro may take an extra minute, but your neighbors will certainly appreciate your efforts!

SEASONAL RECIPE

Festive "Isolation" Summer Caprese Salad

Whether you're looking to impress your isolated friends, or enjoy an easy, healthy, and sophisticated treat, the perfect answer to your quest is a Caprese Salad.

Start by slicing tomatoes into 1/4 in. thick slices. Arrange the tomato slices on a plate so they overlap. Slice your fresh mozzarella so the slices are the same thickness as the tomatoes.

Place a mozzarella slice in between the tomato slices and continue until there is a slice of cheese between every tomato slice. Top each piece of mozzarella with leaves of fresh basil. Then gently drizzle olive oil over the entire plate (some people drizzle a little balsamic vinegar over it too). Sprinkle the top with salt and pepper and you've got a beautiful, sophisticated summer delicacy.

Fun Fact: If you think that familiar phrase "The Dog Days of Summer" is a reference to the hottest part of summer, think again. The term is really a reference to the Dog Star, or Sirius - which is in the Canis Major constellation.



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MY QUESTION

What Constitutes a Legitimate Emergency Call to Maintenance?

Every apartment resident should familiarize themselves with issues that constitute a real emergency – one for which you can and should call the property management company at night, on weekends or holidays.

The following list includes real emergencies:

- No heat in winter if below 50 degrees or no air conditioning in summer above 80 degrees
- No hot water or no water from Friday 6 pm to Monday 9 am
- Plumbing breaks or activated sprinkler
- Sewer back up (not to be confused with stoppage)
- Inoperable door locks
- Inoperable freezer or refrigerator
- Smoke detector/alarm ringing continually (not to be confused with short beeps from low battery, residents are responsible for replacing batteries as needed)

FUN APARTMENT

How to Add Color to Your Apartment

One of the hardest challenges renters face is finding ways to add color to apartments. You don't have to skimp on color if you get creative about using it.

You can certainly add color or texture to your apartment with furniture and fabrics, including bar or counter stools or colorful printed throw pillows. If you want to add color to an otherwise stark room, choose a theme and use that as the concept around which you add color. If you want to change the look and feel of your living room often – perhaps seasonally – consider choosing neutral colors for your main furniture pieces. Neutral colors are ideal in small places because they create the illusion of openness.

Another smart trick is using brightly colored square storage cubes to create side tables or a night stand for a platform bed, or even use two or three different colored cubes to create your own pseudo coffee table. You can even scour flea markets or second-hand stores for functional pieces to paint and add color to your apartment.

In the kitchen, you can add color through your dishes, appliances, table linens, and even flatware.

Big Sky Calendar - August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rent Due School Supply Drive begins	2 Nat'l Ice Cream Sandwich Day	3 Nat'l Watermelon Day	4 National Coast Guard Day	5 Exterminations 400 - 500 Buildings	6 Nat'l Mustard Day
7 Purple Heart Day	8 Nat'l Frozen Custard Day	9 Inspections 400 Building	10 Nat'l Lazy Day	11 Inspections 500 Building	12 Nat'l Vinyl Record Day	13 Nat'l Filet Mignon Day
14 Nat'l Creamsicle Day	15 Nat'l Relaxation Day	16 Inspections 1000 Building	17 Nat'l Thrift Shop Day	18 Inspections 1100 Building	19 Exterminations 1000-1100 Bldgs	20 Nat'l Chocolate Pecan Pie Day
21 Nat'l Senior Citizens Day	22 Nat'l Pecan Torte Day	23 Nat'l Sponge Cake Day	24 Nat'l Waffle Day	25 Nat'l Banana Split Day	26 Big Sky's Annual Luau 6-8 pm	27 Nat'l Just Because Day
28 Nat'l Bow Tie Day	29 Nat'l Chop Suey Day	30 Nat'l Beach Day	31 Last day for School Supply Drive			