

April Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

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Buzz Alert

(540) 213-0234

Big Sky

APARTMENT LIVING TIP

Conquer Closet Clutter

Storage space can present a challenge, especially when you're living in an apartment and can't make structural modifications. With a little creativity, you can take advantage of more of your closet space without making any permanent changes. The best solutions depend on your space and the type of items you're trying to store. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Double your shelf space by creating another layer: any type of legged platform will quickly and easily create a second shelf.
- Add a hanging shoe rack to the inside of your closet door: shoes that are taking up floor or shelf space can easily fit into an area you're not using for anything else.
- If clothing storage space is a problem, add a second bar: hanging the second rod from your existing rod makes this measure simple and damage-free. Or, buy a hanging sweater stacker or other storage to manage folded or off-season items.

Important Information

Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

Community Manager

Lisa Bryant

April

Autism Awareness Month

April Flower - Birthstone

Daisy - Diamond

April Events

Resident Appreciation Week begins 4-25

FUN APARTMENT

Decorate Just For You

Most of us make an effort to brighten up the areas where we sit most and where we've thrown the curtains open to let in some sun. But those aren't the only areas that can benefit from a bit of brightening. Consider adding a splash of color to the inside of your coat closet door, or some artwork to the laundry nook.

You spend more time in your apartment than anyone else, so treat yourself to a bit of eye candy in the places you frequent when you're doing household chores, paying the bills and attending to other tasks that might not make up the most cheerful moments of your day. Whether it's your workout area, a hallway you pass down a dozen times a day or the corner you set up in to iron your work clothes, you may be surprised by how much a little aesthetic gift to yourself can brighten the area.

SEASONAL RECIPE

Bright, Fresh, Flavor-Infused Drinks

Make ice cubes from three or four different flavors of fruit juice, punch or other brightly-colored non-carbonated drinks. When you're ready to serve, add a mix of the frozen cubes to soda water, a clear citrus soda or clear mixed drink. The drink will change colors and flavors as the cubes gradually melt into it.

The first Earth Day was celebrated in the United States on April 22, 1970.



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COMMUNITY TIP

Just a few suggestions on how to get rid of Ladybugs from your home

Ladybugs can be pretty, but they can infest your home and some may even bite you.

Use Soapy Water: Fill a spray bottle with warm water and a few drops of liquid soap. Lightly spray them when there are several together. This stops them from reproducing. (I have heard).

Sweep or vacuum: Sweep them out the door or vacuum. If you vacuum, don't forget to change bag or dump canister in trash bag and take the vacuum bag to the dumpster or trash outside.

Duct tape: Ladybugs can bite if they feel threatened, so wrap duct tape around your fingers with sticky side out. This way you pick them up without them biting or them flying away.

MY QUESTION

Should I Call Maintenance?

If you're asking yourself that question, the answer is probably yes. Many residents hesitate to put in a maintenance request/work order when small problems occur, because they don't want to "make a fuss" about a relatively small issue. Unfortunately, that well-intentioned delay can cause larger problems.

A minor issue in your apartment may be tied to a more serious one you can't see. For example, that small yellow spot that's forming on your ceiling may mean that the pipes above your apartment are leaking. The discoloration may be insignificant, but the damage that's occurring behind the scenes may not be. Only a professional can make that call, and that won't happen if you don't let management know about the problem.

When in doubt, err on the side of reporting the problem and let the experts decide if a repair is necessary. Log into your account and put in your maintenance request via RentCafe or email the leasing office at bigsky@ppmcva.com. If you have an emergency work order, please call 540-213-0234, press 1 and leave a message for maintenance. Remember to provide your name, apartment number, phone number and a brief description of the emergency. Maintenance will call you back to confirm they have received your call. Please call the office if you have questions or concerns.

Big Sky Calendar - April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Exterminations 100, 200, 300 Bldg Rent Due	2 World Autism Awareness Day
3 Nat'l Chocolate Mousse Day	4 International Carrot Day	5 100 Bldg Inspections	6 Nat'l Walking Day	7 200 Bldg Inspections	8 Partial 300 Bldg Inspections	9 Winston Churchill Day
10 Siblings Day	11 Nat'l Pet Day	12 Nat'l Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day	13 Scrabble Day	14 Nat'l Gardening Day	15 Exterminations 800, 900 Bldgs Egg Hunt 4 PM	16 Husband Appreciation Day
17 Easter	18 Nat'l Animal Crackers Day	19 800 Bldg Inspections	20 Nat'l Look-Alike Day	21 900 Bldg Inspections	22 Earth Day	23 World Book Day
24 Resident Appreciation Week starts tomorrow	25 Sweet Treat Day	26 Breakfast To Go	27 Free Spinal Screening	28 Lunch To go	29 Bingo Night	30 Oatmeal Cookie Day