

February Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

FUN APARTMENT

Making the Most of Your Space

Apartment-dwellers often complain about limited storage space, but chances are that your apartment is full of unused space: just look up. While surface area and cabinet space may be limited, chances are there's an empty stretch of real estate running all the way around your apartment.

Expand your space by making use of those oft-neglected feet and inches. Floor-to-ceiling shelving and hanging baskets are just a couple of the ways in which you can make good (and often decorative) use of your unused air space.

SEASONAL RECIPE

Valentine Trail Mix

Looking for a homemade Valentine's Day snack but don't have the time to cook or bake? Use this quick dump and stir recipe and you'll have an exciting snack to send to school or take to work. This mix is great for filling goodie bags, too!

- 4 cups miniature pretzels
- 4 cups strawberry wafers
- 3 cups chocolate Teddy Grahams
- 2 cups popcorn
- 2 cups yogurt covered raisins
- 2 cups Valentine M&Ms

Dump all of the ingredients in a large bowl and mix. Scoop a 1/2 cup into snack-size ziploc bags. Enjoy!

APARTMENT LIVING TIP

Do Something You've Always Meant To

It's a near-universal experience: every day on your way home from work you walk past a little art gallery and tell yourself that one day you're going to stop in—but you're always in a hurry to get home. Or you've been meaning to take a few days to drive two states over to meet your new niece—and she just celebrated her second birthday. Time flies. Art galleries close. Newborn relatives head off to kindergarten.

Life is busy and resources are limited. You may not be able to drop everything and make that long-anticipated trip to Italy this summer but you can take a few hours out to try ice skating or put some crazy highlights in your hair, or have lunch with an old friend you haven't made time for in ages. Don't wait for the perfect moment to do something you've always wanted to do. Do it today!

Important Information

Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

Community Manager

Lisa Bryant

February

American Heart Month

Birthstone - Flower

Amethyst - Violet or Primrose

February Events

Show the Love - Big Sky's Sweet Treat Day

Fun Fact: About 151 million cards are exchanged each Valentine's Day.



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COMMUNITY TIP

Sleep Before You Speak

Living in a community with people of many different ages, backgrounds and personalities has advantages, but it can also be challenging. Inevitably, when people are sharing space, conflicts arise. Sometimes, those conflicts involve concrete issues that need to be addressed but as in every other area of life, it's important to choose your battles wisely.

Sometimes, what seems like a serious issue in the moment recedes to a minor irritation with a little time to reflect. If the issue isn't time-sensitive or urgent, sleep on it. If it's a legitimate issue that needs to be addressed with your neighbor, that will still be true in the morning. If it seems less important outside the heat of the moment, you'll have saved you both some unnecessary stress. You have nothing to lose by stepping back and letting the dust settle, but you may gain some valuable perspective.

MY QUESTION

I Can't Pay My Rent on Time. What Should I Do?

First, please speak with your leasing office to explain the situation. There are rental assistance programs that may be eligible to you. The sooner you confront the issue directly and the more pro-active you are about keeping in touch and setting clear expectations as to when you'll be able to get and stay current, the more likely management is to work with you.

Remember that your landlord can choose to take legal action soon after you miss a rental payment, and once the process is in motion may not have to accept payment. It's your responsibility to make contact and do what's necessary to resolve the situation.

Big Sky Calendar - February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rent Due	2 Groundhog Day	3 Exterminations 400-500 Bldgs	4 Homemade Soup Day
5 World Nutella Day	6 Chopstick's Day	7 Inspections 400 Bldg	8 Inspections Partial 300 Bldg	9 Inspections 500 Bldg	10 Cream Cheese Brownie Day	11 Global Movie Day
12 Pork Rind Day	13 Cheddar Day	14 Big Sky's Sweet Treat Day Happy Valentine's Day	15 Inspections 1000 Bldg	16 Inspections 1100 Bldg	17 Exterminations 1000-1100 Bldgs	18 Drink Wine Day
19 Chocolate Mint Day	20 Presidents' Day	21 Fat Tuesday	22 Margarita Day	23 Banana Bread Day	24 Tortilla Chip Day	25 Clam Chowder Day
26 Pistachio Day	27 Strawberry Day	28 Tooth Fairy Day				