

October Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

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Big Sky

FUN APARTMENT

5 Ways to Make over Your Balcony This Fall

It's like we blink and then summer's officially over. I love summer, though, I love the fall season just a little bit more. With the cool air finally rolling in, now is the perfect time to make use of your balcony and give it a fall makeover. Here are some tips for an incredible fall feel.

Mums the Word ~ Mums (Chrysanthemums) are a relatively inexpensive fall flower that instantly add a pop of color to any outdoor living area. They come in numerous brilliant hues, including purple, red, orange, yellow and white.

Gourd-geous Table Lanterns ~ Your patio or balcony table should also get some fall love. Simply fill a lantern with miniature pumpkins, gourds and pine cones for a radiant seasonal table centerpiece.

Cozy and Comfy Outdoor Seating ~ Adding a rustic-style blanket and pillow top to your outdoor seating area can really enhance the coziness of your balcony. Fall favorites include burlap and plaid with fun phrases, such as "Happy Fall Y'all!" and "Fall Greetings".

Personalize with a Monogrammed Wreath ~ Pretty up your apartment balcony/patio doors with a beautiful wreath! Wreaths that display fall foliage, berries, branches, apples or seasonal flowers are definitely a must for the season.

Important Information Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

Community Manager

Lisa Bryant

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Birthstone - Flower

Opal - Marigold

October Events

Sock-tober Fest and Boo Bash

APARTMENT LIVING

Be a Polite Pet Owner

If you're a pet owner, you probably consider Fluffy or Fido to be an important member of your family. Pets bring joy to our lives, but they also bring additional responsibility. Here are three tips to help make sure you – and your pet -- are good neighbors.

- When you take your dog for a stroll, always bring along a few pet waste baggies to clean up after him.
- Keep your pet on a leash when outdoors. If you pass a neighbor, make sure to give him or her plenty of space to pass by.
- All dogs bark, but if yours barks constantly, it can get annoying for your neighbors. If you receive complaints from your neighbors, don't get defensive. Instead, research what you can do to curb the barking, such as investing in doggie daycare or playing music in your apartment so Fido isn't so conscious of every move your neighbor makes.

SEASONAL RECIPE

Roast Pumpkin Seeds

Scoop out the seeds of a pumpkin. Discard the stringy fibers and rinse the seeds well. Bring a medium pot of water to a boil.

Add the seeds, reduce heat and boil gently for 10 minutes. Drain seeds well and pat dry. Place seeds in a bowl and toss with oil. Spread seeds in a single layer on a baking dish. Roast seeds at 250 degrees, stirring every 10 minutes, until just crisp and golden brown, for about one hour. Add salt/seasoning while warm. Cool completely and enjoy!

FUN FACT: The largest pumpkin ever grown weighed 1,140 pounds!



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COMMUNITY TIP

Brighten Your Own Day with a Smile

We're more likely to smile when we're already feeling good, but making the effort can lead to increased happiness. Smiling releases endorphins and serotonin, boosting mood.

It also lowers your blood pressure and strengthens your immune system. On the flipside, people who frowned during an unpleasant procedure reported feeling more pain than those who didn't.

It seems that the cause and effect between our moods and our facial expressions works both ways. Controlling your expression may be the easiest way to alter your outlook.

As an added bonus, smiling is contagious. That means that your smile will inspire others to do the same, spreading those same benefits to those around you.

MY QUESTION

What's the best way to get a quick response when I have problems or questions?

Organization and clear communication is always the key to getting a problem solved quickly. For example, if you must leave a message or a note for management, make sure to be specific.

Though a "please call me" will get you a call back, it might not come at a time when you're available, and it might be just the first step if further action is required.

A message that describes your problem, clearly states what type of action you're looking for and includes clear instructions as to when you'll be available and at what telephone number will make it much easier to move forward efficiently.

That way, management can gather any additional information or schedule a maintenance visit before returning your call, and reach out to you at the time you're most likely to connect.

Big Sky Calendar - October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Rent Due
2 Nat'l Fried Scallops Day	3 Socktoberfest Begins - donate new socks	4 Nat'l Cinnamon Bun Day	5 World Teacher's Day	6 Nat'l Noodle Day	7 Exterminations 100, 200, 300 Bldgs	8 Nat'l Hero Day
9 National Moldy Cheese Day	10 Staunton City School In Service Day Pumpkin Painting 2-4 pm	11 Inspections 100 Bldg	12 Inspections 200 Bldg	13 Inspections 300 Bldg	14 Nat'l Dessert Day	15 Nat'l Whole Hog BBQ Day
16 Global Cat Day	17 Nat'l Boss's Day	18 Inspections 800 Bldg	19 Medical Assistants Recognition Day	20 Inspections 900 Bldg	21 Extermination 800 - 900 Bldgs	22 Nat'l Nut Day
23 Nat'l Mother-in-law Day	24 Nat'l Food Day	25 Nat'l Greasy Food Day	26 Office Closed - Training	27 Nat'l Black Cat Day	28 Big Sky's Halloween Event - TBA	29 Nat'l Trick or Treat
30 Nat'l Candy Corn Day	31 Halloween					