

# Your Community

Tips for Living, Laughing, and Loving Your Apartment Life

*Apartment Buzz Alert August*

## APARTMENT TIP

### Staycation: Your Ultimate Vacation

Make your next vacation a "staycation." Embark on a vacation by enjoying your home and your hometown. Staycations allow you to revel in all your town has to offer that you rarely have time for during your busy work weeks. Take a few days and simply enjoy being at home. Staycations are fun when you're on a budget, or even want a mini-vacation but don't want to travel during peak travel times.

Make a list of everything that you want to accomplish by the time your vacation is over, just like you would a real vacation. Do research beforehand on which museums, art galleries and local treasures that you want to check out. Find a hike nearby. Plan a biking adventure with the family on a local trail. Gather supplies for arts and crafts for some personal Picasso and Van Gogh time. Create the ultimate spa experience at home. This is the time to get together with your friends nearby that you hardly see because of conflicting schedules. Better yet, convince your friends to take a staycation with you! It is summercamp for adults.

## Important Information

### Resident Referral

Stop in and find out how to save \$250!

### Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

## COMMUNITY TIP

### Saving Energy

The power of energy will certainly keep your lights on, help get you through your morning routine, even make daily chores easier and make your days peaceful and happy. Yet, there may certainly be cause for turmoil when your energy bill comes. To save on your energy bill, there are some tips to follow that will have all your days running smoothly, even on those days when the bills arrive.

Every time you turn on the lights or plug something into the wall, you are losing your precious money. Turn lights off when leaving a room. When finished with the toaster, unplug it. When finished charging your phone, unplug the charger from the wall. Prepare meals without the stove. Make more sandwiches, or take advantage of the weather and go grill at the park. Only run the dishwasher when it is fully loaded. Air-dry your clothes. Using light bulbs with lower wattage will help save energy. While it's still warm outside, keep your AC at seventy-four degrees or higher so not to spend too much energy on keeping your house cold. Instead, utilize stand-up fans and open the windows for a cool breeze. Small changes like these can save you a bundle on your electric bill.

## Seasonal Recipe

### Festive Summer Recipes That Don't Require Cooking: Caprese Salad

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

Start by slicing your tomatoes into 1/4 inch 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. 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.



# Live for the apartment buzz!

## FUN APARTMENT

### "My neighbors' kids are constantly banging on the wall. How should I solve the situation?"

This is a delicate situation to deal with and requires you to be calm and tactful. No one likes to be told their little angels are acting up, whether intentional or unintentional. Letting the parents know this is the first step. During a polite conversation, address the issue by working in the phrase "I'm not sure you're aware..." into the conversation. Mention how the noise can penetrate the walls. You can add you are worried some of your artwork is going to fall off the wall or something along those lines. In turn, let them know you're willing to reciprocate the courtesy should they experience any disturbances in their apartment.

Remember, kids will be kids and have pent up energy. Try presenting them with board games, or suggest a game outside. If it's a reasonable time, kids have a right to play inside their own home. If it bothers you, run a fan, invest in earplugs, hang drapes on windows to buffer the unwanted noise, or turn on music to dampen the banging sounds. Finally, you can always approach your landlord or the apartment management team for extra support.

## MY QUESTION

### Maintenance Reminder

We want our community to be a healthy and safe living environment for everyone who resides here. To keep our home safe, clean and in good condition, it is important to inform the leasing office of any potential or existing problems. This way, the problems can be dealt with before they become a danger to you and the rest of the community.

The leasing office seeks to provide a positive experience for all within the community. Through effective communication, they can then take the necessary actions to fulfill their responsibilities. The apartment managers want to keep all appliances in working order. They want to ensure that your apartment receives running water, there are no infestations of bugs and most importantly to make your living experience a pleasant one.

Give management notice of any maintenance requests and a time will be set to fix the problem. Sometimes accidents happen and the reported damage goes beyond the normal wear and tear. In such cases, work with your management to resolve the issue. Make maintenance requests to help management out as they do everything in their ability to keep your community a happy and safe one.

## Big Sky Calendar - August, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Rent/Water & Sewer Due Augusta County Fair 7/31-8/4	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Exterminations 800/900 Bldgs End of Summer/Back to School Party 3 pm - 6:30 pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Inspection 400 Building	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Inspection 500 Building	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Exterminations 400 & 500 Bldgs	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Inspection 800 Building	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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