

# Your Community

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

*Apartment Buzz Alert February*

## Seasonal Recipe

### Valentine Dessert

Looking for an impressive Valentine's Day dessert, but don't have the time (or inclination) to cook all day? Use this quick cheat to make professional-looking Valentine petit fours in minutes. All you'll need is a frozen pound cake, 1" cookie cutters, confectioner's sugar, water and light corn syrup. Slice the pound cake into three approximately 1" layers, then cut out hearts and other shapes with cookie cutters (in a pinch, just cut into squares). Mix six cups of confectioner's sugar with half a cup of water, two tablespoons of corn syrup and optional food coloring, then heat until the mixture is pourable but not runny. Place cake shapes on a rack and pour the mixture over them. Cool for an hour, then trim and add decoration as desired.

## Important Information:

### Resident Referral

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

### Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

## FUN APARTMENT

### February Events in Staunton, VA

Sun Spots Studio is having a "Blow Your Own Valentine's Ornament" 2/1 - 2/4, 2/7 - 2/11 and 2/21 - 2/25

Stonewall Jackson Hotel is hosting the Historic Staunton Foundation's Annual Winter Wine Festival from 12 - 5 pm on 2/24

## APARTMENT TIP

### Brighten Up on a Budget

Giving your apartment a splash of color or a unique flavor doesn't have to be expensive. Small touches can make a significant difference in any room. If you're looking to personalize your living space but don't want to invest in expensive wall hangings, sculptures and the like, think about more budget-friendly touches that will add life to the room.

A few examples include adding green plants to the living room, setting out color-coordinated carved soaps on the bathroom counter, scattering colorful area rugs on the bedroom floor and throw pillows on the bed and displaying books on open shelving, writing desks and other surfaces. Everyday items that reflect your interests can add color and personality to your surroundings without breaking the bank. In fact, you just might already have some of those objects in your apartment - think about what you're tucking away in a drawer or closet that might double as home décor.

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



# Live for the apartment buzz!

## COMMUNITY TIP

### Why Do I Need Renters' Insurance?

Many renters wonder why they'd need renters' insurance. Surely the property owner has insurance, right? Of course, that's true - but many tenants don't realize that the landlord's insurance generally covers only the building and grounds, not the residents' property inside. That means that in the event of a fire or other accident, you could end up replacing your furniture, electronics, athletic equipment and other property out of your own pocket. If you've just been through a disaster, the last thing you'll want to worry about is how you're going to replace the things you need to rebuild and move forward. And renters' insurance will also cover you in the event of a break-in.

The good news is that basic renters' insurance is very affordable. Depending on where you live, how much property you have in your apartment and what valuables you want to insure, you might find that a renters' insurance policy costs as little as \$10/month. That's a very small price to pay to protect the goods you rely on every day. Check with your automobile insurance company for rates and coverage, as you may be eligible for a multi-coverage discount if you purchase renters' insurance through the same company.

## MY QUESTION

### Be a Trendsetter

Don't you just hate when someone leaves garbage in the hallway or on the lawn, or a neighbor walking out the door in front of you lets it drop in your face? Undoubtedly, most of your neighbors are considerate, pick up after themselves and take a moment to hold the door, but nobody's perfect and no experience is, either. It's easy to get frustrated when you feel like you're putting in more than your fair share of effort, but kindness, consideration and taking care of the premises spread - and so do their negative counterparts.

The next time you see someone's old newspaper lying under the bench in the courtyard, pick it up and toss it in the recycling bin; people are much less likely to litter when the premises are otherwise clean. And make the effort to smile and hold the door for that neighbor who doesn't always remember to look behind him. Maybe he'll appreciate it enough that he wants to return the favor or pay it forward, or just recognize that the norm in this community is to be considerate and clean up after yourself. Rather than letting your actions be influenced by something negative you might see, choose to set the standard.

## Big Sky Calendar - February, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Rent & Water/Sewer Due!	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Happy Valentine's Day! Big Sky Sweet Treat Day 10a-5p @ Clubhouse	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Exterminations 400, 500, 800 & 900 Buildings	<b>17</b> National Random Acts of Kindness Day!
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Inspections 400 & 500 Bldgs	<b>20</b> Inspections 800 & 900 Bldgs	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>			