

Big Sky

Tips for Living, Laughing, & Loving Your Apartment Life

Apartment Buzz Alert June

FUN APARTMENT

Battle Summer's Pests Botanically

Summer evenings are the perfect time for hanging out on balconies, patios or the front porch; unfortunately, they're also prime time for mosquitoes. Nobody wants to spend the evening slapping away bugs or wake up covered in bites. Growing popular natural repellants like citronella grass isn't practical for most apartment dwellers, but there are easier, more manageable options-plants that naturally repel mosquitoes but are much smaller and even able to thrive in planters or window boxes. To protect your space without a major renovation or cloaking yourself in a cloud of smelly chemicals, try lining your outdoor area with potted marigolds or scented geraniums. Or, if you want to mix it up a bit or put your new plants to other use, consider growing catnip or rosemary in window boxes or small planters. Recent testing at the University of Iowa indicates that catnip is ten times as effective in repelling mosquitoes as DEET, the chemical used in most popular repellant sprays. If you don't have your own outdoor space but enjoy sitting in the courtyard or picnicking on summer evenings, consider planting those marigolds or geraniums in a small basket-they'll be safer, easier to carry and less expensive than tiki torches, repellant candles or chemical sprays.

APARTMENT LIVING TIP

Don't Say "Someday"

Summer is kicking off and that means that most of us have a "to do" list that's a bit more interesting than getting the Christmas decorations back into storage or clearing out some old paperwork. From the beginning of June, summer looks nearly endless, with plenty of time ahead to take that road trip or spend a few lazy days at the beach or get back into the habit of early morning jogs. Someday soon, we're going to get around to all of those things. But the truth is - time flies. We all know it, yet we're perpetually surprised by it. Don't look back in August and wonder where the time went or try to squeeze all of those summer activities into the last few warm days. Start this summer off right: when you have a great thought about a day trip or a friend you'd like to get together with or an amusement park you'd like to visit, take action. Pick up the phone, get that event on the calendar, set your alarm early to go out for that run the next day. Don't make vague promises - make plans!

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Seasonal Recipe

Fruit Infused Water

Proper hydration is critical in the summer months. Make your water more appealing by infusing it with your favorite flavors. Try a combination of fresh strawberries and mint or cucumber and limes or honeydew and cantaloupe.

Fun Fact: The tradition of June brides dates back to ancient Rome: the month takes its name from the Roman Goddess of Marriage.



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COMMUNITY TIP

Make the First Move

It's surprisingly common to feel isolated even in large apartment communities, because few people are comfortable taking the initiative. It's easy to assume that everyone else already knows each other, or that your neighbors have plenty of friends outside the community and aren't interested in reaching out. However, they may be thinking the same about you. If you'd like to get to know more people in your community, you have nothing to lose by making it easy for your neighbors: there are as many ways to do that as there are different personalities and interests. Headed out to a festival? Mention it to a neighbor or two the day before and find out whether they want to tag along. Start a running, book or card club for your complex - or invite several neighbors you don't know well in for a potluck dinner to give people a chance to get to know one another. Not everyone will accept, of course, but you'll connect with the other people in your community who are interested in making new friends and jumping into some new activities. And you just might make a big difference to someone who's been wondering how to make friends in the community but doesn't have your initiative.

MY QUESTION

POOL RULES

Do not remove the pool furniture from the pool area. You are welcome to bring your own lawn chair to sit in the picnic area. Please remember NO Glass Bottles are allowed near the pool!! If glass were to break at the pool, it would be shut down! For your safety and others, please follow the rules!

Big Sky Calendar - June, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Rent Due	2 Rent Due	3 Rent Due
4 Rent Due	5 Rent Due	6 Rent Late	7	8	9	10 Big Sky's Yard Sale/Bake Sale 7 am - 1:30 PM
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Exterminations 600, 700, 1000 & 1100 Bldg's	17
18 Happy Father's Day!!	19 Inspections 600 & 700 Bldg's	20 Inspections 1000 & 1100 Bldg's	21 First Day of Summer!	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	