

# August Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing, & Loving Your Apartment Life

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## FUN APARTMENT

### Adding Color to Your Apartment

One of the hardest challenges renters face is finding ways to add color to apartments. You don't have to skimp on color if you get creative about using it.

If you can't paint the walls, you can certainly add color or texture to your apartment with furniture and fabrics, including bar or counter stools or colorful printed throw pillows. If you want to add color to an otherwise stark room, choose a theme and use that as the concept around which you add color. If you want to change the look and feel of your living room often – perhaps seasonally – consider choosing neutral colors for your main furniture pieces. Neutral colors are ideal in small places because they create the illusion of openness, even if your apartment is really small.

Another smart trick is using brightly colored square storage cubes to create side tables or a night stand for a platform bed, or even use two or three different colored cubes to create your own pseudo coffee table. You can even scour flea markets or second-hand stores for functional pieces to paint and add color to your apartment. In the kitchen, you can add color through your dishes, appliances, table linens, and even flatware.

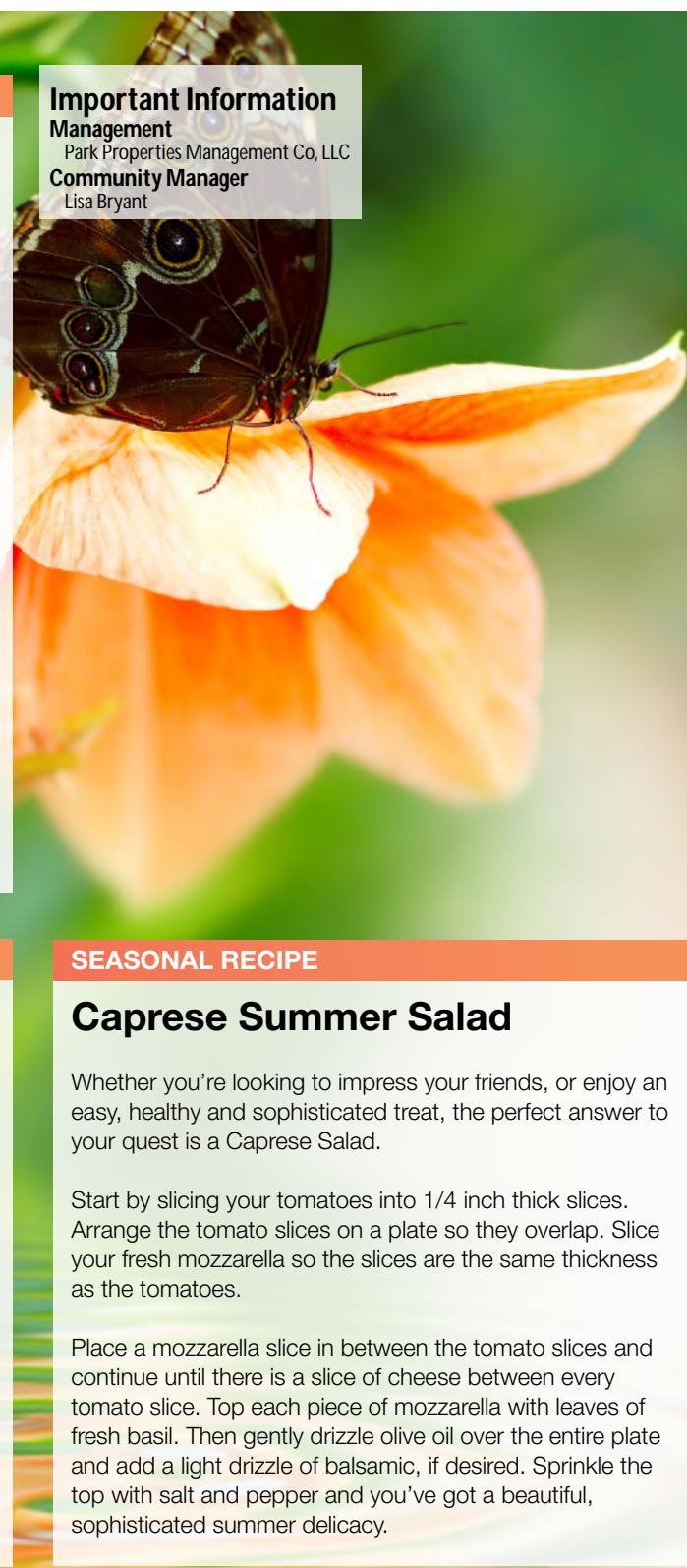
## Important Information

### Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

### Community Manager

Lisa Bryant



## LIVING TIP

### Maintaining Health & Fitness

Make a point of talking to other renters you meet, you'll get to know your neighbors, but more importantly, you may find out that other residents face the same challenges that you do about working out and balancing that with their work, school, family or other commitments. Use that bond to suggest that you become workout buddies. Then set up a regular schedule where you meet to work out together. Having a buddy will help you both stay motivated and hold each other accountable.

You can also post a notice for other renters in community areas, asking if anyone is interested in forming a walking group, a running group, or doing some other type of workout as a group. You could even use the community areas to create a regular workout schedule for something like Zumba or other video workout.

## SEASONAL RECIPE

### Caprese Summer 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 and add a light drizzle of balsamic, if desired. 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.



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## COMMUNITY TIP

### Park Like a Pro

There's nothing more frustrating than circling the parking lot – only to find that the last available spot is impossible to pull into because other cars are so poorly parked. Be a good neighbor by following these simple parking etiquette pointers.

- Square Up: Are you parked so crooked that it inhibits people from parking in another spot? Take a minute to straighten up your car. Also, avoid parking too close to one side of the spot.
- Slow Down: Speeding around the parking lot can be dangerous! Maintain safe speeds of 5 miles per hour.
- Mind Your Manners: First come, first served should be the rule of thumb in the parking lot. If someone has their blinker on indicating they plan to pull into a spot, don't pull out in front of them.

Park like a pro, take an extra minute, your neighbors will certainly appreciate your efforts!

## MY QUESTION

### What Constitutes a Legitimate Emergency Call to Maintenance?

Every apartment resident should familiarize themselves with issues that constitute a real emergency – one for which you can and should call the property management company at night, on weekends or holidays.

The following list includes real emergencies:

- No heat in winter if outside is below 50 degrees or no air conditioning in summer if outside is over 80 degrees
- No hot water from Friday 6 pm to Monday 9 am or no water when you haven't been warned in advance
- Plumbing breaks or sprinklers are activated
- Sewer back up (not to be confused with stoppage)
- Inoperable refrigerator or freezer
- Smoke detector/alarm ringing continually (not to be confused with short beeps from low battery, residents are responsible for replacing batteries as needed)
- Inoperable door locks

## Big Sky Calendar - August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Rent Due School Supply Drive thru Aug. 30th	<b>2</b> Exterminations 800 & 900 Bldgs	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Inspections 400 Bldg Augusta Cty & Staunton City Schools Start	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Inspections 500 Bldg	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Exterminations 400 & 500 Bldgs	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Blood Drive 2-6 pm Inspections 800 Bldg	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> S'mores Night 7:30 - 9:00 pm	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Inspections 900 Bldg	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Office Closed