

February Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life



FUN APARTMENT

Making the Most of Your Space

Apartment-dwellers often complain about limited storage space, but chances are that your apartment is full of unused space: just look up. While surface area and cabinet space may be limited, chances are there's an empty stretch of real estate running all the way around your apartment.

Expand your space by making use of those oft-neglected feet and inches. Floor-to-ceiling shelving and hanging baskets are just a couple of the ways in which you can make good (and often decorative) use of your unused air space.

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APARTMENT LIVING TIP

Do Something You've Always Meant To

It's a near-universal experience: every day on your way home from work you walk past a little art gallery and tell yourself that one day you're going to stop in—but you're always in a hurry to get home. Or you've been meaning to take a few days to drive two states over to meet your new niece—and she just celebrated her second birthday. Time flies. Art galleries close. Newborn relatives head off to kindergarten.

Life is busy and resources are limited. You may not be able to drop everything and make that long-anticipated trip to Italy this summer but you can take a few hours out to try ice skating or put some crazy highlights in your hair, or have lunch with an old friend you haven't made time for in ages. Don't wait for the perfect moment to do something you've always wanted to do. Do it today!

SEASONAL RECIPE

Valentine Trail Mix

Looking for a homemade Valentine's Day snack but don't have the time to cook or bake? Use this quick dump and stir recipe and you'll have an exciting snack to send to school or take to work. This mix is great for filling goodie bags, too!

- 4 cups miniature pretzels
- 4 cups strawberry wafers
- 3 cups chocolate Teddy Grahams
- 2 cups popcorn
- 2 cups yogurt covered raisins
- 2 cups Valentine M&Ms

Dump all of the ingredients in a large bowl and mix. Scoop a 1/2 cup into snack-size ziploc bags. Enjoy!

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



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COMMUNITY TIP

Sleep Before You Speak

Living in a community with people of many different ages, backgrounds and personalities has advantages, but it can also be challenging. Inevitably, when people are sharing space, conflicts arise. Sometimes, those conflicts involve concrete issues that need to be addressed but as in every other area of life, it's important to choose your battles wisely.

Sometimes, what seems like a serious issue in the moment recedes to a minor irritation with a little time to reflect. If the issue isn't time-sensitive or urgent, sleep on it. If it's a legitimate issue that needs to be addressed with your neighbor, that will still be true in the morning. If it seems less important outside the heat of the moment, you'll have saved you both some unnecessary stress. You have nothing to lose by stepping back and letting the dust settle, but you may gain some valuable perspective.

MY QUESTION

I Can't Pay My Rent on Time. What Should I Do?

First, check your lease. Many leases allow a short grace period during which your rent can be paid without a late charge. If you can make payment before the grace period expires, don't worry. If you won't be able to make payment within the grace period, talk to your property manager as soon as possible.

The problem won't go away simply because you manage to avoid a tough conversation. The sooner you confront the issue directly and the more pro-active you are about keeping in touch and setting clear expectations as to when you'll be able to get and stay current, the more likely management is to work with you.

Remember that your landlord can choose to take legal action soon after you miss a rental payment, and once the process is in motion may not have to accept payment. It's your responsibility to make contact and do what's necessary to resolve the situation.

Big Sky Calendar - February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Rent Due
2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Inspections 400 Building	5	6	7 Exterminations 800 & 900 Bldgs	8
9 National Pizza Day	10	11 Inspections 500 Building	12	13	14 Valentine's Day! Sweet Treat Day in the Clubhouse	15
16	17 President's Day	18 Inspections 800 Building	19	20	21 Exterminations 400 & 500 Bldgs	22
23	24	25 Inspections 900 Bldg	26	27	28	29 Leap Day