

# June Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

## COMMUNITY LIVING TIP

### Divide and Conquer

Is your “junk drawer” a hopeless tangle of small tools, unused keys, favors from parties past and a few things you can’t quite identify? Worse, maybe that kind of spread has taken over your night stand drawer and other spaces in your apartment.

It is possible to reclaim order without breaking that drawer out into a full dresser or cabinet. Simple, inexpensive dividers will allow you to categorize the contents within the existing smaller space.

Whether you choose open baskets, flat boxes or section dividers that will split the drawer space itself, a small investment and easy installation will free you from the chaos.

If you can’t recall the last time you used an item or didn’t remember that you even owned the item perhaps it is time to consider putting it in the garbage, a donation box or items to swap box.

## APARTMENT LIVING TIP

### Sharing a Deck with Your Neighbors

With the warm summer months in full swing, everyone wants to take advantage of being outside. Fortunately, many apartment dwellers have the luxury of having access to an outdoor deck for dining or relaxing, but often times these spaces are communal.

These tips can help you make the most of your shared outdoor space.

- Be respectful of your neighbors. It’s fun to invite your friends over for an afternoon in the sun or happy hour, but be aware of neighbors who may also want to use the deck. If you’re respectful of your neighbors, chances are they will also be respectful of you.
- Build a community. Make the effort to introduce yourself to your neighbors who are also using the shared outdoor space.
- Create a sign up sheet. If you have limited pieces of outdoor furniture, you might want to create a sign up sheet or set a time limit on how long you use the space. A sign up sheet can make it easier for everyone to have a chance to enjoy the space.

## SEASONAL RECIPE

### Vanilla Cherry Ice Cream

#### Ingredients:

4 peeled, frozen, chopped bananas  
1/3 cup pitted cherries  
1/8 teaspoon whole vanilla bean

#### Topping Ingredients:

1/3 cup pitted cherries

#### Directions:

To make the nice cream: blend it all up until it’s like soft serve. Yum.  
Top with the left over cherries and eat.

\*If you don’t have whole vanilla bean, use 1/8 teaspoon vanilla powder or 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract.

\*Recipe makes enough for about 2 people.

**Fun Fact: June is national iced tea month.**

# Live for the apartment buzz!

## MY QUESTION

### How to Clean Your Dishwasher in Less Than 15 Minutes

Before you do anything, take out the top and bottom dish racks. Then, check the jets where the water sprays out for any food build-up. Use something thin and sharp, like a toothpick or pen, to pick away at any debris. Use paper towels and soapy water to wipe off any dirt from the inside of the dishwasher.

If you notice any mold or mildew inside the dishwasher, use diluted bleach to scrub it away. However, bleach will damage stainless steel, so avoid using it to clean your stainless steel appliances.

Then, wash the filter. Many dishwasher filters are attached to the appliance with screws. If that's the case, carefully unscrew the filter and wash it with soapy warm water or baking soda. Let it soak for about 10 minutes, then put in back into the dishwasher.

For a final wash, add 2 cups of vinegar to the bottom of the empty dishwasher and run it on a low, short, or energy-saving cycle. Halfway through, pause the cycle for 20 minutes to give the diluted vinegar a chance to loosen any remaining food debris or hard water buildup. Then restart and complete the cycle for a beautifully clean dishwasher.

## MY QUESTION

### Someone Keeps Parking in My Spot. What Should I Do?

First, be honest with yourself. Is that really your parking spot or just the one closest to your apartment? If slots aren't assigned, your neighbor has just as much right to park in that space as you do.

The same may not be true for guests of your neighbors, though. If you're not sure what the policy is on guest parking, check your lease or consult your property manager.

If the spot is assigned to you and someone else is parking there on a regular basis, let management know about the problem. If a particular car has been parked in your spot on multiple occasions, give management as much information as possible: note the make, model and color of the car, and possibly the license plate number.

Also, let your property manager know if there's a particular time of day when the car is typically in your spot. Don't let tensions build or get into a conflict with your neighbor or a guest over parking issues; get help before the situation escalates.

## Tarleton Square Calendar - June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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