# February Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life



## **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.

### **Show Your Apartment a Little Love This February**

The holidays are over and life is slowly returning to normal. Now -- before the warmer days of spring start to draw you outdoors -- is an excellent time to perform a bit of maintenance.

Check for Drafts - Check your doors and windows for drafts.

Inspect Your Detectors - Make sure that they are operating correctly by testing them on a twice-yearly basis and replacing the batteries, if necessary.

Prevent Frozen Pipes - If the forecast is calling for freezing temperatures, you'll want to turn your faucets on to a slow drip.

Remember - Before performing maintenance repairs in your apartment, check your lease agreement. In many instances, our property management team may be the ones responsible for tackling these issues.

#### **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.

Lastly, scoop a 1/2 cup into snack-size ziploc bags. Enjoy!

## **February Events**

**Feb 10th -** The Farmers Market at Ix 9:00am - 1:00pm

**Feb 11th** - Craft Cville's Annual Galentine's Market 12PM-5PM

Feb 14th - Valentine's Day Resident Event 12PM-5PM

Feb 19th - UVA vs Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA 7:00pm

Feb 24th - UVA vs NC

John Paul Jones Arena 4:00pm

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FUN FACT: Children between the ages of 6 and 10 exchange more than 650 million Valentine's Day cards each year.



