**Lookin’ Good!**

This time of year showcases our community. The lawns are green and manicured. The flowers are in bloom. Our team is hard at work making the grounds look their best for you. We are proud of you, our community.

Please do your part to keep our property looking beautiful. Please do not walk or bike through our landscaped beds, remember to dispose of trash properly and park only in designated areas, not on the grass.

**SLOW… PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

With summer in full swing, please be alert and aware of the increasing number of pedestrians, especially children, enjoying the warmer weather by walking or playing in our community. It is important for everyone to observe a safe driving speed throughout the community to keep our family, friends and neighbors safe.

**Smokers Beware!**

Please dispose of your cigarettes properly and don’t pitch them out the window of your car, and especially do not flick them off your patios and balconies. Not only does our staff have to pick all of them up, but this practice is a fire hazard. Remember that there is dry mulch and foliage surrounding your apartment and throughout the community.

**AIR CONDITIONING TIME**

Now that warmer weather is here, most of you will begin to rely on your air conditioning more. Here are a few things to keep in mind about using your air conditioning properly. Not only will these help maintain our cooling units, but they will help you avoid soaring electric bills.

- **Do not turn your air conditioning off during the day while you are away.** While your air conditioning is off, the walls in your apartment will heat up and your cooling unit will have to work twice as long to cool when turned back on.
- **Try to keep your thermostat at a constant temperature.** Raising and lowering the temperature only increases the amount of work the unit has to do. An ideal temperature setting is about 72 degrees.
- **Keep your blinds closed as much as possible, especially if you live on the south side of the building.** Sunlight alone will easily raise the temperature in your apartment 10-15 degrees in one day’s time.
- **Remember that any air conditioning unit is designed to cool approximately 15 degrees cooler than the outside temperature.** So when the temperature outside reaches 98 degrees, your apartment cannot realistically be cooled to 68 degrees.

Please check your air conditioning and report any malfunctioning to our office so we can repair it as quickly as possible.

**Cinco de Mayo…**

... is a Mexican holiday that observes the Battle of Puebla that took place May 5, 1862. It is a day to celebrate Mexican food, culture and traditions with parades, dances and other festivities. We wish all our residents celebrating this day a Happy Cinco de Mayo!

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**WELCOME!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new residents. If you have any questions about the community or your new home, please call or stop by the office and we’ll be happy to answer them. To those residents who have chosen to remain with us by renewing your lease, we wish to say thank you. To all our residents, we’re honored to have you here! After all, you are the reason we’re here.

**Happy Mother’s Day**

This month we celebrate a special day in which mothers are honored. More than 46 countries have officially set days for this, although the dates will sometimes vary. The United States, Canada, Denmark, Italy and Australia have all designated the second Sunday of May as Mother’s Day.

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**The Saxony Apartments**

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May brings a celebration of Mother’s Day and rightly so. But there are so many women who are mentors, examples and heroes to each of us.

In this day of social media, take a moment to write your mom or a special lady and let her know what she means to you. It could be your mom who has nourished and raised you, it could be a teacher that fostered the desire to learn, it could be a mentor that helped you in your professional life or it could be a friend who has inspired you to reach for the stars.

Your note could be the encouragement they need and it will be long cherished.

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CALLING ALL COOKS

We all know how useful our iPads and tablets are when it comes to cooking. But check out these apps you can download to make it even better!

- **Kitchen Stories** delivers media-rich step-by-step recipes along with food and lifestyle articles. Save your favorites, add notes and create a shopping list of ingredients.

- **Sideshelf** serves recipes with step-by-step instructions, complete with photos, videos and even voice instructions. Timers are built in so you can follow along and keep your eyes and hands focused on cooking instead of on a touch screen.

- **Food Network** - You’ll love the Food Network In The Kitchen app as it puts celebrity chefs right at your fingertips. Browse through thousands of recipes, photos and videos, searching by chef or ingredients.

- If you want to save some of your recipes, try Evernote.

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**PEANUT BUTTER Cake**

**CAKE BATTER:** Stir together flour, sugar, salt and baking soda in large bowl. Set aside. Combine butter, water and peanut butter in sauce pan over medium heat. Bring to a boil. Add to the flour mixture and mix well. Set aside. Combine eggs, vanilla and buttermilk. Add to the peanut butter mixture. Stir all together then beat with mixer on medium speed until smooth. Spread into a greased 15 X 10 jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 18 – 20 minutes until it springs back when gently touched. PREPARE ICING: Combine butter, peanut butter and milk in sauce pan over medium heat. Bring to boil. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and powered sugar to a spreading consistency. Spread over warm cake.

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**TAKING TIME TO REMEMBER**

Did you know that Memorial Day began as a response to the carnage of the Civil War in which some 620,000 soldiers died? Long known as Decoration Day, many decorated the graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, and still do so today.

It is customary on Memorial Day to fly the flag at half staff until noon, and then raise it to the top of the staff until sunset. In 2000, Congress established a “National Moment of Remembrance”, which asks Americans to pause for one minute at 3 p.m. in an act of national unity.

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**SUMMER FIT**

Being fit is being healthy. There’s still time for you to get in summertime shape by following these tips:

1. Set a goal - not just a weight number. Aim to run 2 miles without stopping, climbing a steep hill by the end of summer, swimming 10 extra laps this summer.

2. Don’t forget strength training. Use those weights.

3. What works for you? Exercise at the gym, yoga at home, walking/running outside. Find what you like to do and then mix it up in different ways!

4. Check out your eating habits. Exercising and weight training work best when you eat right!

5. Hydrate – all the time with water!

6. Accountability – find a partner that will work with you or that will support your goals.

7. Take photos of yourself each week. You’ll be amazed at your progress.

8. Reward yourself: a massage, a cheat day, an outing or a total day of rest!