

# Countryside Apartments

August 2014 Issue

## Your August Newsletter is here!

What you hold in your hands is the new monthly Countryside Apartments newsletter. In these pages you will find all sorts of useful information that is geared towards making our great community even better. We will feature information on events in the Clovis area, useful information about what is going on in the apartment community, and a whole array of entertaining and insightful stories, all with the goal of keeping you informed about what is going on in the area. We hope you enjoy these next pages and if there is something you would like to see featured in the newsletter please get in contact with the office staff.

### Your Community Team

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### Upcoming Events

**August 25th** - School starts for the Clovis School District

**August 30th** - Tenant Appreciation Day from 11 - 2pm

**Every Friday** - Old Town Farmer's Market 5:30-9pm

See our calendar for more! Pg 4

## Are you new to the Neighborhood?

Greetings to all the fine people who now call Countryside Apartments their home. If you just moved here, please call or stop by the office with any comments, questions or just to say "Hello!" If you have lived here for a while, please help us to welcome your new neighbors!

## Refer a friend to Countryside Apartments

We're always trying to build our community, and that's why we offer our "refer a friend" incentive. If you mention our Countryside apartments community to one of your friends and family members, and they commit to a one-year lease, you can earn yourself \$100.00. All they have to do is mention your name during the move in.

## A Reminder About Rent

As a friendly reminder, we all know that rent is to be paid on or before the 1st of each month. Late fees are assessed if rent is not received by the 5th of the month. You can pay your rent 24 hours a day. You can drop off your rent at the office during business hours or drop it in the night drop box located outside anytime day or night.



### Keep Our Community Clean

Don't forget to keep our community clean by picking up after your pets. We all love animals, but we need to make sure the common spaces in our community are clean for everyone.

# Recipe of the Month

## Cheesecake in a Mini Mason Jar

### Ingredients:

#### Topping

- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1 cup sugar
- Juice from half of a lemon

#### Crust

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 6 Tbsp butter
- 6 short mason jars



#### Filling

- 8 oz room temperature cream cheese
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Zest from one Lemon

### Directions:

1. In a small pot on the stove, cook the sliced strawberries and the sugar until the juices from the strawberries have been released and add the lemon juice. Cook until the mixture starts to bubble. Remove from heat and allow to cool completely.
2. Combine the graham cracker crumbs and the powdered sugar together in a small bowl. In a small pot on the stove, melt the butter completely. Add the melted butter to the crumbs and the sugar and mix thoroughly. Using a small scooper, put one scoop of the crust into each mason jar and pat down with your fingers. Bake the jars in a 350° oven for 12 minutes.
3. Whip up the heavy whipping cream until stiff peaks form. In a separate bowl, mix together the cream cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla extract, and lemon zest until there are no more lumps. Fold the whipping cream into the cream cheese mixture until fully combined.
4. Assembly: Using a piping bag, pipe the cream cheese mixture into the mason jars, leaving enough space in the top for the strawberry topping. Scoop the strawberry topping on top and you are ready to enjoy! These keep for about two days.

*\*Recipe and photo courtesy of [www.stylemepretty.com](http://www.stylemepretty.com)*

# TRIVIA

Get 3 or more questions right and come into the office for candy!

1. Which singer joined Mel Gibson in the movie Mad Max: Beyond The Thunderdome?
2. Which American state is nearest to the former Soviet Union?
3. In which year did Foinavon win the Grand National?
4. At which battle of 1314 did Robert The Bruce defeat the English forces?
5. Consecrated in 1962, where is the Cathedral Church of St Michael?
6. On TV, who did the character Lurch work for?
7. Which children's classic book was written by Anna Sewell?
8. How many tentacles does a squid have?

## Don't forget to check your AC

Now that the days are getting warmer, please check your air conditioner to see that it is working properly. If your air conditioner is not cooling, please shut it off and call the office for service. Otherwise here are some tips to help you remain comfortable during the sweltering summer months.

1. Do not turn your air conditioner on if the temperature is 65 degrees or below, this could cause the air conditioner to freeze up. Please open your window for some fresh air.
2. Do not turn your air conditioner off while you're gone during the day. Turn the temperature up.
3. Keep your drapes or blinds closed during the warmest part of the day.

Remember that you are never alone! If you experience an emergency in your apartment after hours we have a 24-hour answering service for your convenience to help you with those problems requiring immediate attention. Simply call the office telephone number, and you will receive help as soon as possible

## GREEN TIP

One of the major concerns in society is sustainability. We all know the mantra of “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle,” but there is more



to it than just that. We thought, in an effort to make Countryside more environmentally aware, we would drop a tip each newsletter on how we can make our community more sustainable. And so our Green tip column was born. Here is our first tip:

Reducing the amount of waste you have is going to make a big difference in both the world at large and your bank accounts. A small thing you can do is to take a few of your old t-shirts and cut them up into rags. Use these rags instead of paper towels. You’ll be able to wash them with your laundry without having to buy or use paper towels. They last longer, reduce the amount of waste you have, reduce the amount of money spent on cleaning supplies, and not much of a change needs to be made to your current lifestyle. It’s a win-win-win solution.

### Review and Like Us

We are always listening to what our community members have to say. In an effort to make Countryside apartments the ideal place to live, we ask that you review us so we can see what we are doing right, and what we can improve on. If you can, take a moment to like us on Facebook, review us on Yelp, or write a review on apartments.com. We do our best to make this community as great as possible, but we need your help to know what you like and what we can do better.



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## KIDS CORNER



### Egg Carton Sail Boat

Materials you will need: Egg Carton, Chopsticks ( for the mast), Paper ( for the sails), Ribbon and string( to secure the mast), glue, scissors, blue tack, and staples.

1. Decorate your paper however you want. These are going to be used for the sails later on.
2. On the egg carton, insert a chopstick into the middle part (should be raised). Use the blue tack underneath to secure it, while also putting in some glue.
3. Poke some further holes at each end of the carton. Tie the ribbon to the top of the mast( chopstick) and weave the ribbon through the bottom, tying it underneath. Add glue if you need to.
4. Cut your paper in half to give it that traditional sail look. Staple the cut out ( 90 degree side) to the chop stick to make it stay.
5. You’re finished. Anchors away.

Send your sailboat pictures to [tech@getacoolbox.com](mailto:tech@getacoolbox.com) and we’ll try to put the pictures in next month’s newsletter. Include your name and age with your submission.

### Here are some fun facts:

- Some cats are allergic to humans.
- Before choosing the name “Chiefs,” ownership considered calling the team the “Kansas City Mules.”
- Elmo is the only non-human to testify before congress.

# August Community Calendar

We feel having a resource of the events going on in your community is important. So we have put together a calendar of events happening in the apartment community and around the Clovis area.

You can also check out our blog for a highlight of some of our favorite weekend events.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Events:</i> Old Town Farmers Market 5:30-9pm  Rent is Due	2
3  International Friendship Day	4	5	6	7  <i>Movies:</i> Step It Up - All In	8 <i>Events:</i> Old Town Farmers Market 5:30-9pm  <i>Movies:</i> Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	9
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