

MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT
In observance of Memorial Day, Columbus Property Management will be closed beginning Friday, May 27 at 1 pm and will reopen Tuesday, May 31 at 8:30 am.

Please note that trash chutes are for trash bags only! Boxes and other bulk items need to be taken to the dumpster. We ask that residents please close trash chutes after using.

NEW COLUMBUS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT WEBSITE!!

The new site includes a MYCPM: A resident portal with information about your property, access to resources in your community and online rent payment portal. Plus, there is a resident services page dedicated to services and events at your property. Check it out at www.columbuspm.org



Management and Resident Services wish a "Happy Birthday" to all residents born in May!

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

FREE Confidential HIV Screening: On **Thursday, May 19 starting at 2 pm** in the community room, a representative from Metro Health DC will provide a free and confidential HIV screening. Gift cards will be awarded to residents who are screened. This is a first come, first serve event.

Healthy Homes Workshop: There will be a "Healthy Homes" workshop on **Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 pm** in the community room. All participants will receive cleaning supplies. Be sure to bring your own bag.

BINGO: On **Thursday, May 26 at 6 pm**, residents are invited to Afternoon Bingo in the community room. Refreshments and great prizes will be awarded!

The K St Farm Open Hours: The K St Farm offers open hours for volunteers and visitors. Please join us Thursday evenings through May 26 from 5-7 pm to lend a hand on the farm or bring a bag lunch and enjoy snacks with neighbors and friends. No experience necessary! Contact Kate Lee with any questions at (202) 601-9200 ext. 208.

In Need of Emergency Food? Resident in need of emergency food contact Anna Bobo at (202) 491-4463. Please leave a message if no answer.

Complete the Resident Services Survey Today! Resident Services is designed to meet the needs of residents by providing referrals to community based organizations, develop programs and activities for all residents to enjoy. To determine what residents would like to see onsite, please complete our survey which is found in the leasing office or visit the Resident Services Coordinator Anna Bobo Thursdays in the conference room in the leasing office. Anna can also be contacted at (202) 491-4463.

Need to Register to Vote or Update Your Address with D.C. Board of Elections? For information on registering to vote or to change your voting precinct location, please contact (202) 491-4463. The voter registration deadline for the June 14, 2016 Primary Election is May 16, 2016.

THINGS TO DO IN DC

Washington DC Funk Parade 2016 (U Street Music Festival): The Funk Parade is a one-of-a-kind street fair, parade and music festival in the U Street neighborhood on **Saturday, May 7 from noon to 7 pm**. Mighty Funk Parade will be 4-5 pm and begins at T Street NW and Florida Avenue NW, in front of the Howard Theatre. The Music Festival will be from 7-10 pm. The free event is designed to bring people together through music, dance and the visual arts, while celebrating the musical heritage of the historic U Street district. The neighborhood will have live performances, artists, vendors, food, workshops and spontaneous acts of soul. The parade will include a variety of dancers, marching bands, drum corps, beat-boxers, junkyard drummers, pot-bangers and more. Several of the area's most popular music venues will open their doors in the evening offering free, live and local funk-inspired bands immediately following the Funk Parade. For more information, please visit www.funkparade.com.

Memorial Day Parade: You can't talk about Memorial Day in DC without mentioning the National Memorial Day Parade. The parade is run by the American Veterans Center and honors those servicemen and servicewomen who put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms. Set on Constitution Avenue, the march wows audiences exceeding 250,000 strong with marching bands, active duty and retired military units, youth groups, floats and hundreds of veterans. This year's parade is set for **Monday, May 25, starting at 2 pm**. For more information, please visit www.americanveteranscenter.org

Washington Nationals: Check out the Washington Nationals this month! Visit ww.mlb.com for all home tickets. Home games in May include the Detroit Tigers, New York Mets, Miami Marlins and the St. Louis Cardinals.

YOUR LIFESTYLE: TIPS & RESOURCES

10 of the Best Apps For Book-Lovers

Goodreads: Geared at helping readers discover new books that interest them and offers reviews, recommendations, and more.

Google Play Books: With Google Play Books, you can choose from more than a million titles to start reading. You can also read books offline and the app offers a nighttime reading option.

Free Books: From Carroll to Twain and everything in between, this is the place to go for any (and virtually any) classic book.

Audiobooks From Audible: For those that love a good book but don't exactly have an abundance of reading time on their hands, Audiobooks from Audible offers a great solution. Whether you're driving, working around the house, or even at the office, Audible's audiobooks let you enjoy story time hands-free.

iBooks: The best thing about iBooks is the in-app bookstore, where you can buy and automatically download books and then read them, all within the app. They also offer a library of free books to download if you're looking for something that won't break the bank.

Epic!: Epic! is specifically designed for kids under 12, offering access to 10,000 kids books — including audiobooks. Though it does cost \$5 per month to use, the first month is free and membership requires no ongoing commitment.

Amazon Kindle: The app is extremely user-friendly and offers a ton of unique and helpful in-app reading tools, like highlighting, customizable font size and style, dictionary definitions, and more.

Wattpad: You can interact with other readers, work (or read) offline, and even connect with writers. The app includes a diverse and unique library, offering popular classics like Moby Dick and Romeo & Juliet, along with modern fanfiction.

Disney Storytime: Perfect way to recapture our childhood favorites. From classics like The Lion King to newer releases like Frozen.

OverDrive: Essentially your e-library, offering eBooks, audiobooks, and even streaming video for users to "borrow" while using the app. Features include automated return (no late fees!), wish lists, holds, and more.

Source: www.popsugar.com/tech, NILE CAPPELLO

Financial Saving Tip: Plan your meals around your grocery store's flyer.

Instead of creating your meal plan out of thin air, plan all your meals around what's on sale in your grocery store's flyer. Look at the biggest sales, then plan recipes based on those ingredients and what you have on hand. Do that for a few months and you'll find yourself with a much smaller food bill than you're used to.

Source: www.thesimpledollar.com

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: BROWN RICE & RAISIN PUDDING

140 calories | 1.5g fat (0.5g sat fat) | 80mg sodium | 29g carbs | 1g fiber | 4g protein per serving



Ingredients

- 1 cup uncooked, instant brown rice
- ½ cup raisins
- 1½ cups water
- 3 cups non-fat milk
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1½ Tablespoon cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- a pinch of salt

Directions

Combine the rice, raisins and 1½ cups of water in a medium pot. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to low, cover the pot. Simmer until water is absorbed, about 10 minutes. While the rice is simmering, mix the remaining ingredients together in a medium bowl. Add the milk mixture to the rice and cook, stirring often, until bubbling and thickened, about 8 minutes.

Recipe Tips: Add chopped apple or nuts for more flavor and crunch.

NEVER WRITE A RENT CHECK AGAIN!

It's the beginning of the month-you got things to do, places to be, and bills to pay. We understand how busy you are and how long that "to-do" list can get. That's why we've made it as easy as possible to mark "pay rent" off the list every month with our convenient and secure, electronic payment and mobile app option! You can make a one-time rent payment online or with our app without purchasing a money order or standing in line. It's fast, easy and can be done when you want, from where you want. Plus it's FREE! That's right, FREE! Save time and money by paying your rent online or with our app! Please contact Susan McMichael at (215) 557-8414 x3211 to sign up today!

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR RESIDENTS

A resident may ask CPM to reconsider any adverse decision should a dispute not be resolved through normal procedures at the site level. Request for reconsideration must be in writing and must set forth the specific reasons why the resident or prospective resident believes the decision was in error. Any reconsideration request must be limited to the allegation and issues directly related to the alleged adverse action. The complainant must identify all relevant information that he or she believes is incorrect or that was omitted from previous consideration. The request must include all new and material information believed to support the reconsideration request. All grievances will be reviewed by a company officer and will be responded to within 10 business days of receipt. **Please direct all grievances to: Columbus Property Management, Attn: Grievance/Complaint, 2042-48 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or by email to: corporate@columbuspm.org**



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