

# VICTORY

## APARTMENTS

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### We're So Glad You're Here!

If you've recently joined our community, thank you for choosing Victory Apartments. We value every one of our residents! If you've been with us a while, we want you to know how much we appreciate your continued residency! It takes special people like you to make our community a great place to call home!

### Having Trouble Sleeping?

For the best night's sleep, the Better Sleep Council recommends keeping the temperature in your bedroom at 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Warmer or cooler temperatures can cause restlessness and interrupt your slumber.

### Take the Edge Out of Impulse Buying

Impulse buying can throw a well-planned budget out of balance. Before you click on the "Buy it" link, or grab the product from the shelf and head to the cash register, try this trick: Procrastinate.

Instead of telling yourself you absolutely can't buy the item, leave it in your virtual shopping cart (or on the shelf) for 24 hours. It'll still be there when you revisit your decision, and the delay will give you a better perspective on whether you really, really want it, or are just responding to a momentary urge you'll regret later.

### Celebrate Earth Day by Clearing the Air

The average American generates about 24 tons of CO2 emissions per year. This Earth Day, try cutting back with some of these tips:

- Check your tires. Keeping your vehicle's tires properly inflated can reduce your carbon footprint by 400-700 pounds a year.
- Eat less meat. Completely eliminating meat from your diet can save approximately 3,000 pounds of CO2 during the year.
- Drive with care. By accelerating slowly, maintaining a steady speed, and anticipating stops earlier so you don't have to slam on the brakes, you can cut carbon emissions by more than a ton.

### Compliance Corner:

#### Lease Term and Amount of Rent

- Rent is due and payable without demand on the first (1st) day of each month.
- Rent is considered late if not paid in full by the fifth (5th) day of the month.
- When the Tenant is delinquent in rent or other charges, HHA does not have to accept the rent.
- Three late payments within any twelve (12) month period shall be considered repeated late payment and shall be a serious lease violation and grounds for lease termination.
- In addition to rent, the Tenant is responsible for the payment of other charges.
- Charges in addition to rent are due on the first day of the month after the charge is incurred provided that a minimum of fourteen (14) days' notice has been given.
- Failure to pay charges in addition to rent in full when due is a serious lease violation and shall be grounds for lease termination.



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# LifeStyle

#### YOUR COMMUNITY STAFF

##### Reuben Brown

Property Manager

##### Karen Price

Assistant Property Manager

##### Julio Cortez

Lead Maintenance

##### Fermin Nejara

Assistant Maintenance

##### Christopher Darden

Property Inspector

#### OFFICE HOURS

##### Monday thru Friday

8:00 am-5:00 pm

##### Saturday

Closed

##### Sunday

Closed

#### CONTACT DIRECTORY

##### Management Office

(713) 529-8773

##### Office Fax

(713) 529-7382

##### Resident Crime Line

(713) 571-9437

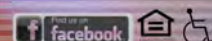
##### Non-Emergency

(713) 884-3131

##### Emergency Dial

911

  
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# When your office doubles as the local coffeeshop

The stereotype of the entrepreneur who works out of his or her neighborhood café isn't that far from the truth these days. You've got access to free Wi-Fi, hundreds of convenient locations, and lots of coffee.

Om Malik, founder of the GigaOM Network and blogger about many topics, shared some advice on how to successfully make Starbucks or Seattle's Best your home base while you're struggling to hit it big:

- **Stick to one location.** Find a café that suits your purposes, and use it exclusively so you and your contacts always know where to find one another.
- **Be friendly with the staff.** Learn the baristas' names. Talk to them about their business and yours. Share news and ask about their day. Get them on your side.
- **Buy stuff.** Don't nurse the smallest cup of coffee they offer for eight hours. Buy something at least three times a day.
- **Tip generously.** By the same token, be kind to the staff. Put at least \$10 in the tip jar every day so they don't look on you as a freeloader.
- **Be considerate of other customers.** Don't take over multiple tables. Keep your voice low when talking on your cell phone, or head outside for calls.
- **Tune out when necessary.** Get a good pair of noise-cancelling headphones so you can screen out distractions when you're trying to concentrate.



## Eggs, Eggs Everywhere

Eggs used for dyeing and hunting need to be handled carefully if you want to eat them later. A few simple rules to eat by:

- Only eggs hard-boiled in plain water and then dyed in natural or commercial dye are suitable for eating. This is called the "cold dyeing method."
- Eggs cooked and dyed at the same time in boiling water ("hot dyeing method") are for decoration only.
- Hard-cooked eggs for an egg hunt must be prepared with care to prevent cracking the shells. If the shells crack, bacteria could contaminate the inside.
- Make sure your eggs do not stay outside of refrigeration for longer than two hours.
- Eat hard-cooked eggs within one week.

## Do-it-yourself hand sanitizer

Coronavirus fears have prompted shoppers across the country to stock up on disinfectants and nonperishable foods. If you can't get your hands on sanitizer, here is a simple recipe that you can make at home.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of 91% isopropyl alcohol
- ½ cup of aloe vera gel (natural or store-bought)
- 15 drops of tea tree oil (or another antibacterial essential oil)

**1. Pour the alcohol into a medium container with a pouring spout.** Note: Using isopropyl alcohol diluted beyond 91% will result in a weaker hand sanitizer that doesn't meet the Center for Disease Control's 60% benchmark.

**2. Measure and pour the aloe vera gel.** Alcohol can be hard on your skin, so using aloe is a good way to counteract that effect and keep your hands smooth. If you

want to keep things natural, you can use aloe vera gel straight from the plant without worrying about it going bad—the alcohol will act as a preservative. **3.** Add the essential oil. Tea tree oil is naturally antibacterial, so it makes sense to use it here. But if you're not a fan of its smell, you can use another type of essential oil, like lavender, lemongrass, or eucalyptus.

**4. Whisk.** To fully mix all ingredients, stirring won't be enough. Get a whisk and beat that hand sanitizer into an homogeneous gel.

**5. Sanitize your bottles and pour in your hand sanitizer.** Spray some of your leftover alcohol into your bottles and let them sit until the alcohol has evaporated. Pour in your sanitizer.

**6. Label your containers.** You don't want any accidents where you or anybody else ingests your newly made hand sanitizer. Take the time to label your bottles.



**LOVEBIRDS** A couple (Issa Rae & Kumail Nanjiani) experiences a defining moment in their relationship when they are unintentionally embroiled in a murder mystery. As their journey to clear their names takes them from one extreme – and hilarious – circumstance to the next, they must figure out how they, and their relationship, can survive the night.



**ANTEBELLUM** Successful author Veronica Henley (Janelle Monáe) finds herself trapped in a horrifying reality and must uncover the mind-bending mystery before it's too late.

**ANTLERS** Julia Meadows (Keri Russell), is a teacher in a small town in Oregon, and her brother, Paul (Jesse Plemons), the local sheriff, become concerned over one of her students, a young boy (Jeremy T. Thomas) who is keeping a supernatural creature in his house, that causes severe disasters.

**CUT THROAT CITY** The story of four boyhood friends in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward who return after Hurricane Katrina to find their homes decimated, with no jobs, and no help from FEMA. Out of options, they reluctantly turn to a local gangster, who offers them one shot at turning their situations around - by pulling off a dangerous heist in the heart of the city. When the job goes bad, the friends find themselves on the run, hunted by two relentless detectives and a neighborhood warlord who thinks they stole the heist money.

**SAINT MAUD** Maud, a newly devout hospice nurse, becomes obsessed with saving her dying patient's soul — but sinister forces, and her own sinful past, threaten to put an end to her holy calling.

**PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN** Everyone said Cassie (Carey Mulligan) was a promising young woman ... until a tragic event abruptly derailed her future. Now she's a medical school drop-out, living at home with her worried parents and working at a coffee shop with a concerned boss (Laverne Cox). It seems like she is at a standstill, except for the double life Cassie leads at night...

**THE SECRET: DARE TO DREAM** centers around Miranda Wells (Katie Holmes), a hard-working young widow struggling to raise three children on her own. A powerful storm brings a devastating challenge and a mysterious man, Bray Johnson (Josh Lucas), into her life. In just a few short days, Bray's presence re-ignites the family's spirit, but he also carries a secret—and it's a secret that could change everything.

**PETER RABBIT 2: THE RUNAWAY** Bea, Thomas, and the rabbits have created a makeshift family, but despite his best efforts, Peter can't seem to shake his mischievous reputation. Adventuring out of the garden, Peter finds himself in a world where his

mischief is appreciated, but when his family risks everything to come looking for him, Peter must figure out what kind of bunny he wants to be.

**THE WILLOUGHBYS** Convinced they'd be better off raising themselves, the Willoughby children hatch a sneaky plan to send their selfish parents on vacation. The siblings then embark on their own high-flying adventure to find the true meaning of family.

**MILITARY WIVES** centers on a group of women from different backgrounds whose partners are away serving in Afghanistan. Faced with their loved ones' absences, they come together to form the very first military wives choir, helping each other through some of life's most difficult moments, and quickly find themselves on an international stage.

**HOME ENTERTAINMENT RELEASES**

April 7	Little Women
April 7	Dolittle
April 7	Cats
April 14	Just Mercy
April 14	Underwater
April 21	The Gentlemen
April 21	The Turning
April 21	The Last Full Measure

## BIG FLAVOR, LITTLE TIME



### FAMILY FEATURES

**Y**ou don't have to be a master chef to create great meals that your family will love. Simple yet flavorful and warming dishes are the perfect solution for busy cooks with hungry families to feed.

Using high-quality ingredients helps guarantee you're serving meals you can be proud of, even when you're short on time. For delicious dinners, look for ingredients such as Hunt's® tomatoes and KRAFT® Parmesan cheese. Hunt's diced, stewed and whole tomatoes are peeled using only steam and their sauce is 100 percent natural with no preservatives.

Look for more great recipe ideas at [Hunts.com](http://Hunts.com).

### Classic Skillet Lasagna

Prep time: 30 minutes

Total time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6 (about 1 1/3 cups each)

- 8 ounces dry bowtie (farfalle) pasta, uncooked
- 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1/3 cup KRAFT® Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 12 ounces Italian pork sausage
- 1/3 cup chopped yellow onion
- 2 cans (14.5 ounces each) or 1 can (28 ounces) Hunt's® Diced Tomatoes with Basil, Garlic and Oregano, undrained
- 1 can (6 ounces) Hunt's® Tomato Paste
- 1 1/2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided

Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting salt.

Meanwhile, combine ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, water and pepper in small bowl; set aside.

Heat large skillet over medium-high heat. Add sausage and onion; cook 3–5 minutes or until sausage is crumbled and onion is tender, stirring occasionally. Drain.

Add tomatoes (undrained), tomato paste, 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese and cooked pasta to skillet; stir to combine.

Dollop spoonfuls of ricotta mixture on top of pasta mixture. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella cheese.

Reduce heat to low; cover and cook 2–3 minutes or until ricotta mixture is hot and mozzarella cheese melts.

# April

wednesday    thursday    friday    saturday

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1 <b>Rent is Due!!!</b>	2 <i>National Burrito Day</i>	3 <i>World Party Day</i>	4 <i>International Pillow Fight Day</i>
5 <i>Go For Broke Day</i>	6 <b>Rent is Late!!!</b>	7 <i>No Housework Day</i>	8 <i>Zoo Lovers Day</i>	9 <i>Name Yourself Day</i>	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11 <i>Barbershop Quartet Day</i>
12 Easter <i>Drop Everything and Read Day</i>	13 <i>Scrabble Day</i>	14 <i>Be Kind to Lawyers Day</i>	15 Income Tax Day <i>Have You Filed Your Tax Return?</i>	16 <b>Community Meeting! Community Room 5:00PM</b>	17 <i>Haiku Poetry Day</i>	18
19 <i>Go Fly a Kite Day</i>	20 <i>National Look Alike Day</i>	21 <i>April is Jazz Appreciation Month</i>	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23 <i>National Picnic Day</i>	24	25 <i>Hairstylists Appreciation Day</i>
26 <i>Get Organized Day</i>	27 <i>National Tell a Story Day</i>	28 <i>Pay it Forward Day</i>	29 <i>Viral Video Day</i>	30 <i>Mr. Potato Head Day</i>	2020	