

February 2012

BEAR CREEK APARTMENTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rent is Due	2	3 The Importance of Being Ernest at Diana Wortham	4 Macbeth at Diana Wortham
5	6 Rent is Late	7	8	9	10 Solas Irish Musical Group at Diana Wortham	11 Asheville Symphony at Thomas Wolfe
12 Lincoln BDay	13	14 Valentine D	15	16	17 Bluegrass First Class Crown Plaza Resort	18 Bluegrass First Class Crown Plaza Resort
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26	27	28 Heritage Classic Dancesport Championships - at Grove Park	29 Heritage Classic Dancesport Championships - at Grove Park			

Your Community Team

- Kathy Allen**
Property Manager
- Rebecca Brewer**
Assistant Manager
- Don Wells**
Lead Maintenance
- Steve Bradley**
Maintenance
- Kelvin Benjamin**
Maintenance
- Charie Ellege**
Housekeeping
- Carrie Rollow**
Leasing Agent

Office Hours

- Monday Thru Friday**
9:00 am - 5:30 pm
- Saturday**
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sunday**
Closed

Contact Directory

- Leasing Center**
828-258-0623
- Office Fax**
828-253-2745
- Emergency Contact**
828-258-0623

Partial Rental Payments & How to Pay Rent

The Bear Creek Leasing Office is not allowed to accept Partial Rental Payments. If you pay your rent late, you must add the 5% late fee to your rental payment or we are not able to accept the payment. Likewise, if you have any other fees or court costs, these must be paid when you pay your rent. Roommates who pay the rent for the apartment with several different forms of payment must submit all the payments together in one envelope. Residents who pay rent online through our Resident Portal will notice that partial payments are not accepted online either. Only full payment of the balance due is accepted. Rent can be paid with a personal check, money order, or cashier's check at the office, or via bank account or credit card through the Resident Portal at www.bearcreek-apts.com. To pay through the portal we will need to have a valid email address for you entered at the office, after which you can register and pay online. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the office.

Blowing Off Steam

It's important to turn on your bathroom fan before taking a shower. The excess moisture produced by your hot water really encourages the growth of mold in your bathroom and - yuck - who wants that???

Cleaning up after Fido

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS! We love pets at Bear Creek, however, we have some rules that you must adhere to.

- ONLY two pets less than 25 pounds or one pet more than 25 pounds are allowed. No pitt bulls, rottweillers, dobermans, chows, german shepherds, akitas or wolf mixes are allowed. All owners must complete pet paperwork which includes veterinary records showing the breed of the dog. A \$300 pet deposit is required as well.
- ALL DOGS must be accompanied by the owner when outside the residence. Asheville ordinance requires dogs be on a leash. We do not allow dogs to be tethered to porches or outside apartments. Cats should not be left outside all day.
- FECES must be picked up by the owner when walking the dog. Do not allow your pet to urinate on anyone's porch! This includes bushes adjacent to someone's porch. There are pet stations with bags in them around the property. There is no reason to leave feces on the lawn anywhere.
- Situations of pet aggression such as biting or attacking will be handled as the law dictates.

New Roommate?

Just a reminder that ALL residents of Bear Creek must be approved through the office prior to moving in.

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Improper Use of Stoves

Apartments at Bear Creek are furnished with standard stoves. These stoves will not accommodate industrial/commercial use. It is never okay to cook with extra-large pots meant for use by a restaurant on these stovetops. You should also not set a long chaffing dish lengthwise across two burners. Using pots and pans that are too big will trap the heat underneath and burn out the wiring in the stove. Evidence of this type of cooking can be seen on the drip pans when they turn colors from excessive heat. Allowing grease to build up on top of the stove or underneath the burners is a fire hazard and can also cause wiring to burn out. Residents who are misusing their stove and/or not cleaning off excessive grease will be charged for the repairs to the wiring.

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Creative Gift Ideas for Your Valentine

MAKE A PHOTO GIFT.

It is easy and inexpensive to have a photo put on a mug, t-shirt, key chain, or even playing cards. Choose one of you two together, enjoying each other.

MAKE SOMETHING BY HAND.

Whether you make a cake, knit a scarf, write a poem, or cook an entire dinner, your loved one will appreciate the time you put into your gift.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS TOGETHER.

Taking a walk or hike together can be romantic and calming. It gives you and your honey a chance to connect and talk.

GET SOME PETALS.

Ask at your florist for some of the petals they trim off of their roses. These petals are usually fresh and lovely and are even sometimes free. Use them to decorate your dinner table, bed, or to float in a bathtub.

GET A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN.

Arrange to have a professional photographer take pictures of you together. Not only is this an enjoyable activity, but you will also create a lasting memory.

WORD SEARCH

word search answer key at apartmentconnections.net

F G K P W M N F F E
 Y R G D L S U X L N
 H F R I E N D R J I
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 E T A L O C O H C N
 T V P C N S C O U E
 A N O A G A E G P L
 D Y M L N C V S I A
 X O B D P S E T D V
 R R Y S Z C M S A E

CANDY
 CHOCOLATE
 CUPID
 DATE
 FRIEND
 LOVE
 ROMANCE
 ROSES
 SWEET
 VALENTINE

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES ON LOVE

"The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge."
 — Bertrand Russell

"Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction."
 — Antoine de Saint-Exupery



Perfect for Valentine's Day!

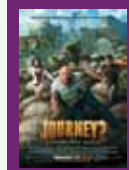
Make these chocolate ravioli out of refrigerated pie crust, Dove chocolate hearts, raspberries and a few other ingredients!

For the full recipe, search for "Chocolate Ravioli" at www.hungryhappenings.com

Stan Robinson's Most Anticipated Movies



Movies take center stage for the month of February 2012 as the 84th Academy Awards® and Oscar® salutes the best in film on February 26, 2012 on ABC-TV. Of the movies slated to open during the month, these two caught my attention with anticipation.



Journey 2: The Mysterious Island A fantasy sci-fi adventure story starring Josh Hutcherson, Dwayne Johnson, Vanessa Hudgens and Luis Guzman, features a boy on a mission to find his grandfather (Michael Caine) who is thought to be missing on a mythical island. With the PG movie rating, special effects, and an intriguing premise, the film has that overall appeal for the whole family.



Safe House In this action/thriller, a young CIA agent (Ryan Reynolds) is given the assignment of looking after a person of interest (Denzel Washington) in a safe house. When the safe house is attacked, he finds himself on the run with his charge. The trailers for it with spectacular action scenes have piqued my interest and the pairing of Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds seems a good bet to see.

Be sure to visit ScreenScene.org and Examiner.com for my movie reviews, celebrity interviews, and motion picture industry articles. Let me know what you think — Movies@StanRobinson.org.

PLAY THIS!



MAYBE YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD JOSHUA RADIN:

Radin's songs appeared on *Scrubs*, *Grey's Anatomy*, and *American Idol*.

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SPORTS



The Sports Dude
 Jason Ostridge

Dear J. Ost,

What do you think about super teams in the NBA?

The West Coast has dominated the NBA for years, but now the East is growing in power with younger and bigger stars while the West's stars are getting older and closer to retirement. The east is making up super teams like the Miami Heat starting with the signing of the big 3. New York already has Amare Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony and now Chris Paul is practically demanding a trade to play there, which would create another super team.

The NBA wants the talent spread out and I tend to agree. As a lifetime fan of the NBA, this is not good for fans. There's not much rivalry or competition. If all the big talent is on just a few teams, then the only good games will be between those teams. It's a bore to watch the big guys beat up on the little guys. We need a competitive balance for it to be an enjoyable game for the fans. Why bother even having a regular season? Just start with an 8 or 10 team playoff season. I'm with the NBA on this one.

What do you think? Email me at jasonostrichsports@gmail.com

Wish for a Greener Future.



If you're facing insurmountable debts that include credit card balances, personal loans, student loans, equity lines and medical expenses, you may feel overwhelmed and hopeless. Unfortunately, these balances have no doubt come at the cost of your good credit. While frustration may have set in, there are other options that can help you clear your outstanding debts and clear the path toward financial freedom.

Credit Counseling

If you are facing bankruptcy or other financial hardships, debt counseling can be an alternative. By enlisting the help of a credit counselor, you can make sense of your finances and make choices that will positively affect your financial situation. A credit counselor will sit down with you and evaluate your accounts, balances, minimum payments and other vital information needed to create a debt management plan (DMP). A credit counselor can often negotiate lower payments for you as well as help you manage intentional repayments. While these services are not free, they can be invaluable in helping you get back on track.

Debt Consolidation

Debt consolidation entails taking out one loan to pay off several smaller loans. Often, this involves securing the loan against a home or property with a higher value than the amount of money borrowed. The idea is to get a low interest rate on the consolidation loan to pay off credit cards with higher interest rates. If you rent or own a home with no equity, traditional consolidation options may not be available.

Debt Settlement

In addition to credit counseling and debt consolidation, debt settlement can be a fast and aggressive solution to overwhelming debt expenses. Debt settlement, also known as debt negotiation, is accomplished when a debt arbitrator negotiates lower pay-off amounts with creditors and collectors. You can have your debts eliminated in as little as 24 to 36 months, which is much less than the 20 to 30 years it can take when making minimum payments to creditors. All this can be done for less than what you're currently paying. Not only does it benefit you, but also the creditor. If your only other option is bankruptcy, debt settlement ensures a portion of payment to the creditor. While debt settlement can be attempted on your own, these services are often provided by a third party debt relief firm.

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The Senior Scoop

Healthy aging is a hot topic. Weight gain, sex drive or chronic diseases, the key to healthy aging is a healthy lifestyle. Eating a variety of healthy foods, practicing portion control and including physical activity in your daily routine can go a long way toward promoting healthy aging. Better yet, it's never too late to make healthier lifestyle choices.

If an interest in healthy aging leads you to consider anti-aging therapies — such as restrictive diets, supplements or expensive treatments claiming to postpone or even reverse the aging process — be cautious. There's no quick fix for healthy aging. Know what you're buying, and know how to spot suspicious schemes. Often, anti-aging therapies don't live up to the claims.

from The Mayo Clinic website

