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## Compass Property Management's Tenant Newsletter



### *Back to School Safety Tips:*

As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can be hectic. It's important to discuss safety tips with your children. When waiting for the bus, always stand back from the bus about 10 giant steps. Before crossing the street wait until the bus driver gives you the OK. If walking to school remind your children to stay aware of his or her surroundings, avoid unfamiliar people or places. Walk on sidewalks, avoid using headphones and always walk with friends. Head up, phone down. Talking or texting on your phone while walking is not safe, it distracts you from your surroundings. Teach your child how to call 911. Always communicate with your child about their arrival and dismissal plans. Discuss internet safety and social media postings that could enable a stranger to locate you. Never agree to meet someone you do not know. Always set up before and after school arrangements, and emergency contacts.

Have a safe and fun school year, make friends, never bully and study hard!!!

**Compass Property Mgmt. LLC would like to thank and acknowledge OUR "ALL STAR TENANTS"**



**Nathaniel and Emily & Robert**

**Our "ALL STAR TENANTS" are receiving a special thank you gift from the Staff at Compass Property Mgmt. LLC**

**They have been truly patient during maintenance issues, rent is always on time, and always a pleasure to work with. Thank You Nathaniel and Trinity.**

You're floating through summer, enjoying the slower pace, the days spent at the beach, and pool. Staying up later having fun outside, and cooking on the grill. You feel as though it's barely begun and then suddenly, BAM!

Summer is over. It's hard to believe that it is already time for kids to start going back to school. It seems like it is getting earlier and earlier every year! The fact that it is back to school time means that fall is right around the corner. You're buying school supplies for your kids, trying pants on them for when the days get cooler, and wondering how the heck it went by so fast. So, the next time you find yourself wondering if summer is truly on its way out, just look for these signs of fall and you'll know for sure. The leaves will begin to fall, and it's time to start preparing the house for the Halloween and Thanksgiving season.

Whether you are looking to spruce up the indoors with some pumpkin-themed projects, bake apple pies, or putting the final touches on a spooky theme for Halloween. How about you share those ideas with us on Facebook. Like, Comment, and Follow us on Facebook. We post contests, recipes, fun events happening in the area, information for our tenants and available properties that you can share with friends and family who are looking for their new home.

**Please know that by liking us on Facebook we can NOT view your personal Facebook page.**

Compass Property Mgmt. LLC Team,

Joe, Steff, Karen, Kacey and Mark



### Autumn Home Check List:



Fall is the perfect time to take care of the little things that can make a big difference for you and your home. On a chilly day turn on your heat to make sure it is working, replace furnace filters, take notice that the gutters are clean, and please don't forget to turn off outside water faucets. Notify us in advance that there is a problem, don't wait until its cold and you have no heat, or your home is leaking due to gutters that need cleaned.

## Apple Pumpkin Muffin Recipe:

The combination of apples and pumpkins makes this recipe easy and perfect for an after-school snack or pack in your child's lunch for a warm fall treat.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 ½ cups of all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup of canned pumpkin
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups finely chopped peeled tart apples

#### Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the first 7 ingredients. In a small bowl, combine eggs, pumpkin and oil; stir in dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in apples. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups 2/3's full. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until muffins test done. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan.

Happy Fall Baking

### Pumpkin Carving Tips

Good carving starts with the right pumpkin. A flat bottom is perfect, so it won't roll away. Scoop out all the pulp, an ice cream scoop will do



the job. It's easier to carve a pumpkin when the face is gazing at you.

Keep your pumpkin fresh by spreading petroleum jelly on the cut edges. Create a chimney, leave the lid on for a few minutes while the candle burns. Then make a small hole where the lid has blackened. Or use a battery-operated candle. If you want your pumpkin to smell like a pumpkin pie, sprinkle a little cinnamon inside the lid.

Share your creativity with us by posting pictures on our Facebook page.

### WE MAY HAVE A TRICK OR TREAT FOR YOU?

How many people know the origin of Halloween? It stems from Ireland's Celtic past. Every year the Celts would celebrate many festivals. Halloween was the Celtic Autumn festival which was held between the 31st of October and 1st of November. The name of this festival was called Samhain. The Celts believed that the passage of a day began with darkness and progressed into the light. Therefore Winter, the season of long, dark nights symbolized the beginning of the year and progressed into the lighter days of Spring, Summer and Autumn. As a result, the 1st of November, Samhain was the the Celtic New Year, and the celebrations began at sunset of the day before, October 31<sup>st</sup>. For Celts, this was a spiritual time. They believed that they were between years and so the line between our world and other worlds would become blurred. Pukas (Ghosts), Fairies, Banshees and other spirits would slip into our world. This is where the spookiness of Halloween came from. To keep the evil at bay on Samhain, bonfires would be lit, and people wore scary masks. They did this to confuse the spirits and hide themselves from people who disliked them in their life on earth.

The more timid would leave food outside their front door or by a hawthorn tree, hoping that their goodwill would convince the souls to leave them in peace. The evil from other worlds were not the only thing to fear on the 31st. It was also believed that witches would become more powerful on the night so women who were suspected to be witches were to be avoided. Of course, it's not only evil souls that would visit on the 31st. Some people believe that their dead ancestors would pop in for a visit. These people would leave a fire roaring and feasts of fresh vegetables and homemade delights for their ghostly visitors on the night! So, this Halloween remember don't forget to leave some treats out for any visitors you might get during the night... BOO!!!! 



**Plan for Christmas!! Pay your rent in advance by adding more money to your rent payment each month now. It will be less you have to pay in December and more for gifts!!**