

Kathy's Cleaning Corner

The inspiration for the Cleaning Corner comes from Kathy S., co-owner of Corporate Clean Inc. (our professional cleaners). Corporate Clean sees your apartment before you move in and after you move out. Kathy's got some tips on keeping your apartment move-in fresh!

For Bathrooms:

That steam buildup when you shower is a main reason why your grout (tiles) get musty. Keep as much air flowing in the bathroom as possible when the shower's on. If you have a window, open it. If you have a fan in the bathroom, make sure it's on. The more water in the air, the more it will settle onto the tile surfaces and potentially make mildew.

If you've already got musty grout, Kathy recommends combining in a spray bottle of 1/8 c. of bleach and 12 oz. of water. Spray onto the grout and let it air dry. Go back when it's dry and scrub the grout with a scouring pad. (Don't scrub so hard that you wear away the grout from between the tiles!)

For Kitchens:

Kathy recommends cleaning right after cooking (before grease/oil has a chance to congeal) with hot, soapy water and a sponge to wipe down surfaces. (To get the soapy water, consider using DAWN dishwashing detergent.) Cleaning products with degreasers are also a good idea.

Sponges are great for cleaning around the kitchen and bath, but they can also host bacteria. To sanitize your sponge, either run it through the dishwasher (make sure you have a heated drying cycle on!) OR wet the sponge thoroughly and pop it in the microwave oven for 1-2 minutes. Let stand for a few minutes and when it's cooled, it's disinfected!

School's Coming!

The end of August means the beginning of school! Whether you're just starting kindergarten or attending one of the six Higher Education schools in the area, it's time to designate that study spot in your apartment and keep an eye out for increased pedestrian traffic in our community.

University of Michigan and Cooley Law students (and staff!), first day is Sept. 6. To everyone, don't forget that Monday, Sept. 5, is Labor Day. Most government and banking offices (and our leasing office!) will be closed.

Wolverine football action begins Saturday, Sept. 3, at 3:30PM in the Big House against the Mustangs of Western Michigan University.

Drive safely and keep an eye out for all the new folks in town!

City of Ann Arbor Government

New to the town? Welcome to all our new residents who have moved in over the summer! Ann Arbor is a great town in which to live, and plenty of helpful tips on recycling, city codes, reporting sidewalk or lighting issues on city property can all be found at: <http://www.a2gov.org/Living/pages/default.aspx>

You can find information on City Parks classes and locations, licenses and permits, voter information/registration, public schools and their newsletters, and just about anything that has to do with living in the city!

Welcome to Ann Arbor!



Refer a Friend! Pick Your Neighbors!

Refer a friend to GreenBrier Apartments and get a coupon for \$200 off your rent! It's easy; your friend tells us that **you** sent him when he applies. Then he gets \$125 off his first month's rent, and after he moves in, you get a coupon. Great savings for everyone!

There are a few rules, though:

-Your friend cannot claim any other referral bonuses through other companies, such as Rent.com or Apartments.com. GreenBrier will only pay one referral source. Does NOT apply to any applicant who is currently living at GreenBrier moving to a new apartment.

-You'll get your rent coupon mailed to your apartment shortly after your referral actually moves in.

-You can refer as many people as you like! There's no limit to how many referral coupons you can redeem!

Cats & Dogs

We've mentioned it before, but it bears repeating: Just like you pay rent to make your home at GreenBrier, cats and dogs need to pay rent too.

We enjoy your furred friends at our community, and we appreciate your help in consistently and fairly administering our pet policy. This means even visiting pets pay a \$200 non-refundable pet fee (a one-time charge only) and \$25/month PER pet rent.

Apartments that have pets put more wear and tear on carpets, and pet scents stay in carpet long after you're used to it. A new renter won't enjoy your pet's scent lingering in their new home. Be a responsible renter: If maintenance or staff sees a pet in your home, you will be charged. It's not fair to other responsible owners, even if your pet is only a guest!

Michigan Made

This month's "Michigan section" shows off a few items made right here in Michigan. The East Jordan Iron Works makes something you've seen every day, but probably never noticed. The Works makes castings of sewer grates, manholes, and machine parts.

Founded Nov. 8, 1883, by William Malpass and his father-in-law, Richard W. Round, the foundries of the Iron Works were originally built to service northern Michigan's booming lumber industry. The company made ship parts, agricultural tools and even railroad rails!

As the lumber industry began to wind down, the company shifted to production of street castings, water works valves, and fire hydrants. Any time you see "EJIW" on a grate or casting, you know that piece has its history in the top of the mitten of Michigan's lower peninsula. The company is currently led by the fourth generation of Malpasses, and some fifth generation members even work in different capacities with the company. East Jordan Iron Works parts can be found all over the world.

The company has received numerous awards for its Green footprint, reclaiming over 90% of sand used within the facility. They even recycle slag created by the smelting process, helping reduce the need for "virgin" material and use excess to create walkways and golf cart paths in the U.S.



Football Snack Pack!

Did you know that agriculture, food processing, and related businesses employ more than 1 million Michiganders? Here are a few Michigan-made foods that help keep us employed and generating dollars for the Michigan economy.

Faygo pop was founded by brothers Ben and Perry Feigenson, originally cake bakers from Russia. Immigrating to the U.S., they opened the Feigenson Brothers Bottle Works in November 1907 in Detroit. Their original three flavors, grape, strawberry and fruit punch, were based on their cake frosting recipes. The company shortened its name to "Faygo" in the 1930s because printing "Feigenson Brothers Bottle Works" took up too much space when they began crafting the labels into the glass bottles. Introducing their "New and Improved" root beer flavor in the 1940s during World War II, Faygo became more popular than ever. In the 1960s, Faygo changed the name of its Strawberry Soda flavor to "Redpop." ("Which way did he go? He went for Faaaaay-go!")

Better Made Chips began on Aug. 1, 1930, as "Cross & Peters." The name changed shortly thereafter to reflect the company's goal to "Make a Better Potato Chip." Incorporated in 1934 as Better Made Chips, today the company uses over 50 million pounds of choice potatoes every year (mostly grown in Michigan!), creating such flavors as Bar-B-Q, Red Hot, Sour Cream & Onion, and Salt & Vinegar.

Found in more direct distribution outlets, Better Made still offers virtual tours of its factory at the original outlet store on Gratiot Avenue in Detroit. Celebrating its 81st year this year, Better Made can even be ordered online at www.bmchips.com. (Take the potato chip quiz and maybe win a free sampler gift box!)

Have It Done in a Jiffy!

That blue and white box in the cake mix aisle—it's made right here in Michigan!

Jiffy Mix, the "just add water" instant mixes for breads, cakes, and 22 total mixes, started when Mabel White Holmes created her muffin mix. The product's first slogan: "The mix is so simple, even a man can do it!" The Chelsea Milling Company had been around since the early 1800s before Mrs. Holmes added her muffin mix in the spring of 1930 to the company's flour milling operations.

A "vertical manufacturer," Jiffy produces everything for their product on-site, including the blue and white boxes! The company is currently run by Mabel's grandson, Howdy Holmes, a former Indy 500 race-car driver. Jiffy products are currently found in all 50 states and many foreign military bases.

You can take a one-hour tour of the factory (and get free samples!) by calling (734) 475-1361. Tours are offered Monday through Friday at 10AM, noon and 2PM. Enjoy! You'll be through the tour in a Jiffy!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Rent Is Due 1 Have You Renewed Your Lease Yet?	2 Rent Is Late	3	4	5	6 Rent Is Late Add \$50 If Paying Today or Later
7 Hatfield-McCoy Feud Erupts (1882)	8	9	10	11	12 	13
14	15 	16	17	18 19th Amendment Ratified (1920)	19	20
21	22	23 Pluto Demoted to Dwarf Planet Status (2006) Vesuvius Eruption (AD 79)	24	25	26 Krakatoa Eruption (1883)	27
28	29	30 Cooley Law School New Student Orientation	31			

"This Month In History" August

1782: As commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, George Washington establishes the Badge of Military Merit, later named the Purple Heart.

1790: The first U.S. Census reveals nearly 4 million people living in America.

1861: The Confederate Congress levies its first income tax to raise revenue for the Civil War.

1909: A penny for your thoughts! The Lincoln 1-cent coin enters the currency market.

1911: Procter and Gamble slides into the shortening market and American kitchens with Crisco.

1914: The Panama Canal officially opens, providing a seafaring path between North and South America.

1930: Clarence Birdseye patents his "quick-freeze" method for packaging frozen foods.

1932: Flying high, Amelia Earhart successfully becomes the first woman to make a nonstop transcontinental flight.

1939: The world premiere of MGM's "The Wizard of Oz" takes place at the Strand Theatre in Oconomowoc, Wis.

1959: Hawaii enters the union, becoming the 50th state.

1963: Martin Luther King Jr. mobilizes desegregation supporters in Washington, D.C., with his "I Have a Dream" speech.

1981: The IBM Personal Computer is introduced. Its retail starting price? \$1,565.

2008: Barack Obama becomes the first African-American to be nominated by a major political party for President of the United States.