

LE MIRAGE APARTMENTS



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FROM JESS' DESK

It's March—Happy New Year, ancient Romans! Welcome to the third month of the year—or, if you were born before 150 B.C., the first! According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March and ending in December. It may sound crazy, but you can still see traces of this old system in our modern calendar: because December was the tenth month, it was named for the number ten in Latin (decem), just like September was named for seven (septem). So, what about January and February? They were just two nameless months called “winter,” proving that winter is literally so awful it doesn't even deserve a spot on the calendar

-Jess



ST. PATRICKS DAY

St Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. It particularly remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century. St Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries with people of Irish descent.

The Fear of 13

Just like walking under a ladder, crossing paths with a black cat or breaking a mirror, many people hold fast to the belief that Friday the 13th brings bad luck. Though it's uncertain exactly when this particular tradition began, negative superstitions have swirled around the number 13 for centuries. While Western cultures have historically associated the number 12 with completeness (there are 12 days of Christmas, 12 months and zodiac signs, 12 labors of Hercules, 12 gods of Olympus and 12 tribes of Israel, just to name a few examples), its successor 13 has a long history as a sign of bad luck.

Ernesto's Maintenance Tips

- Whenever it rains make sure you sweep off any water that collects on your upstairs patio. Doing so prevents water damage and causes major repairs.
- Baking Soda mixed with hot water is a great way to clear drains. Start by pouring a pot of boiling water down the drain. Next, pour a cup of baking soda and 1 cup water/1 cup vinegar solution. Cover with the drain plug and wait 5 to 10 minutes. Pour boiling water down the drain again.
- Reminder that porch lights are to be left alone and cannot be altered, which also includes lightbulbs.

Meeting The Crew

Meet our new Maintenance Tech, Octavio! His favorite movie is Harry Potter; specifically The Goblet of Fire. His dream is to one day ride a train to Boston and see his favorite sports team live.