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Top 10 Summer Amenities Your Apartment Community *Must* Have

Looking for an apartment that allows you to take advantage of fun in the sun during the summer? Tony Rossi Sr., president of Chicago-based RMK Management Corp., suggest the top ten amenities renters should look for before signing their name to a lease:

1. **Swimming Pool** – The overcrowded beach. The costly community pool membership fee. The travel to get there. These are not issues for renters at communities with heated outdoor pools, where waterside relaxation is just steps from your front door.
2. **Sundeck** – Taking a dip in the pool is nice, but many agree that having a relaxing place to dry off and catch some rays completes the poolside experience.
3. **Barbeque Area** – Is there anything more synonymous with summer than a barbeque? Good food, good friends and good times seem to surround this area. Additionally, many apartment communities host barbeque parties, giving residents a chance to mingle and make new acquaintances.
4. **Sports Courts and Fitness Centers** – Do you prefer serving a tennis ball or spiking a volleyball? Either way, communities with courts can save you from having to reserve a court, or travel with your equipment. Also look for fitness centers that can get you in shape for swimsuit season.
5. **Community-Sponsored Events** – Socialize with your neighbors in a casual setting when your community hosts ice cream socials, cooking classes and movie night.
6. **Picnic Area** – A needed amenity for dining al fresco. With a designated picnic area, renters can focus on what's really important – their meal. Plus, with your personal kitchens so close, it's easy to serve food fresh.

7. **Air Conditioning** – Just because the temperature is climbing outside, doesn't mean it needs to be inside. Residents who rent at communities with individually controlled central air conditioning don't have to worry about others deciding what their ideal level of comfort should be.
8. **Private Patio/Balcony** – Residences with balconies or patios mean residents can take pleasure in the weather in their own personal space.
9. **Pet-friendly Features** – As much as you, dogs delight in leisurely strolls outside. Look for communities with easy access to paths and parks.
10. **Covered parking** – Don't burn yourself on your seatbelt or leather interior! By seeking out a community with covered parking, you can keep your car made in the shade.

Tony Rossi Sr. is president of Chicago-based [RMK Management Corp.](#) RMK manages more than 7,500 apartments in the Chicago and Minneapolis areas. The company's portfolio spans a range of apartment types, from high-rise and midrise buildings to two- and three-story walk-up, garden apartments.

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