



April Resident Newsletter

March 29, 2019



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting and Election
Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting and Board Member Election
Thursday, April 11, 2019, 3:00 p.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

All meetings will be held in the High-rise Conference Room. All residents are invited to attend.

Rent is due on April 1, 2019. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on April 8, 2019.

The B.R.H.C. office will be closing at noon on April 19, 2019 in observance of Good Friday.

Signatures Needed

If your unit # appears on this list you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review: 4A 5A 5B 7C 8B 10B 10C 11C 12B 13B 13C 14A 14C 15B 15C 16A 17A 17B 18A 18B 18C 19B 19C 20A 20C 21C 22C 23A 24C 25A 27C 28A 28C 29A 29C 30A 30B 30C 31A 101B 101C 101F 102A 102B 102C 102D 104F 105B 105C 107F 108A 108B 108C 108E 109A 110B 110C 110D 111A 111D 112B 112C 113A 113C 113F 114B 117A 118A 118B 118C 120A 120C 121A 121E 122A 122C 123A 123C 125E 126C 127D 127F 131C 132A 134C 134D 135C 135F 201 202 203 207 305 308 405 407

Spring Clean Up

On Monday, April 22, 2019 we will be having Spring Clean-Up. On this day you may place any large items out for pick up & we will pick them up free of charge. It is your responsibility to transport items to the curb by noon.

Annual Inspections

Unit Inspections have been scheduled for all apartments on the following dates:

Parkview Highrise (201 – 408)	Friday, April 19, 2019
Parkview Family (Apts 1A – 8D & 115A – 117C)	Monday, April 22, 2019
Evergreen Village (Apts 118A – 126E)	Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Evergreen Village (Apts 127A – 135G)	Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Parkview South Senior (10-A – 31-C)	Thursday, April 25, 2019
Parkview North Senior (101-A – 114-D)	Friday, April 26, 2019

If this time is not convenient for you, Thursday, April 18, 2019, will be the alternate date. You must contact the office by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019 in order to reschedule your inspection.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are on monthly/quarterly inspections, your Spring inspection will be on the above date.

If any needed repairs are identified during the inspection the maintenance staff may be re-entering your apartment on your inspection day to complete the repairs whether or not you are home.

We will be making sure that your stove is clean, including oven and under stovetop. We will also be making sure you are taking proper care of your floors (mopping and waxing when needed), and take an overall look at your general housekeeping. We will be checking for damage to the unit and looking for any work orders that are not being reported to the office in a timely manner. Please be reminded it is your responsibility to call the office if you need a work order completed. It is also important that the areas in front of and behind your unit are clean, including your shed. Residents in violation of the Curtain Policy will receive a lease violation notice. If you need curtains, please stop by the Curtain Pantry located in the Highrise, for free curtains.

Security Cameras For your protection we have installed security cameras throughout the Big Rapids Housing Commission complexes.

Health Department – Cooking Classes

The District Health Department #10 will be offering cooking classes in the Highrise Dining Room. All residents are invited! See the attached flyer.

Live Well For Your Heart

District Health Department #10 and community partners are partnering to provide a FREE Heart Health Screening on Thursday, April 4, 2019, from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. All Residents are invited. See the attached flyer.

Shopping Carts in Highrise

Residents that live in the Highrise please be reminded to return the shopping carts back to the entrance area after using them. Do not leave them in your apartment.

Handicapped Parking

Service officers will be walking throughout the complex ticketing cars parking in handicapped parking spots without a handicapped sticker.

PET OWNERS – Please clean all pet droppings from the area around your unit now that the snow is melting.

Registration is Open for Big Rapids Community Garden at the corner of Second Avenue & Adams

The Big Rapids Community Garden Club offers Big Rapids residents a space to garden and grow their own food. They provide raised garden beds that are rented for a small fee, along with support to help people to grow their own food. The gardens are located at the corner of Second Avenue and Adams Street, just down from the Housing Commission office. This is a great opportunity for Residents to rent a garden bed for a small fee to grow their own fresh food. This is be a great opportunity for residents who need to do community service. For more information or to register go to the Big Rapids Public Library or call the Community Garden manager Lauren Tatum at (231) 580-9844.



Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

The Housing Commission has renewed the contract with Rose Pest Solutions to inspect all apartments for bed bugs, inspect and/or install monitors on all the accessible beds and couches, and spray the door jambs and doorways throughout the apartments. Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for this month:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
126A	4/10/2019	127D	4/17/2019	129A	4/24/2019
126B	4/10/2019	127E	4/17/2019	129B	4/24/2019
126C	4/10/2019	127F	4/17/2019	129C	4/24/2019
126D	4/10/2019	128A	4/17/2019	129D	4/24/2019
126E	4/10/2019	128B	4/17/2019	129E	4/24/2019
127A	4/10/2019	128C	4/17/2019	131A	4/24/2019
127B	4/10/2019	128D	4/17/2019	131B	4/24/2019
127C	4/10/2019	128E	4/17/2019	131C	4/24/2019

Residents with allergies will have an opportunity before the treatment date to notify the office if anyone residing in the apartment has asthma/respiratory ailments or sensitivity to petrochemicals. Do not call now.

You are required to contact the office immediately or within 24 hours if you suspect you see a bed bug or other vermin in your apartment.



13th Annual Community and Family Expo

On Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the 13th Annual Community and Family Expo will take place! This event is held at the Big Rapids Middle School. The Mecosta County Area Chamber of Commerce, Great Start Mecosta Osceola, Project Connect, and The MOISD General Education Department want this year's Expo to be the best yet! This event includes games, giveaways, workshops, entertainment and more, including the ever-popular MASCOT DANCE OFF! There will be a touch a truck event happening at the same time and Aeromed will be landing behind the school as well.

Resident Council Election

The Resident Council election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the Big Rapids Housing Commission office. Absentee ballots are available by contacting the office at (231) 796-8689. The following residents have been nominated:

President	Lori Butler	
Vice President	Doug Hacko	Cindy Stevens
Secretary/Treasurer	Position Available	

Resident and Community Activities Held in BRHC Highrise Dining Room

Euchre: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m.
The 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow at 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Tuesdays 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Bingo: Thursdays 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. Bingo is expected to start back up on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

Spring time Reminders

Please do not allow your children to climb the fences at North Parkview Village and Evergreen Village as this is damaging the fences and your children could get seriously injured by doing this.

Please keep the areas around your unit debris/clutter free, and remind your children to throw away wrappers, trash, papers etc. into the garbage.

DO NOT feed the animals!! It attracts all kinds of critters, including skunks. One tenant may call to complain of skunks while the neighbor next door is throwing out all kinds of food for them. Please work together to keep the wild animals away!

