



February Resident Newsletter



January 28, 2019

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 3:00 p.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting

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

Rent is due on February 1, 2019. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

Signatures Needed Please come to the office to sign your most recent rent recertification paperwork: 1A 1B 1C 1D 2B 2C 2D 3A 3B 3C 4A 4B 4D 5A 5B 5C 6B 6C 6D 7A 7D 8D 10A 16C 20C 24A 105A 106C 107A 108F 110C 112A 113B 113E 114C 115B 116B 116C 117B 118A 118B 118D 118E 119D 120C 120D 120E 121A 121E 122E 123E 124C 124D 125B 126D 126E 127B 127E 127F 128A 128B 129A 129B 129C 129D 131B 131D 132C 133D 134A 134B 134C 134D 135A 135D 135E 135G 406

Parkview & Evergreen SENIOR Apartments - REMINDER

Annual rent recertification paperwork is now ready to be signed in accordance with the notice sent on 1/20/19. All senior and disabled resident rent reviews will become effective 06/01/19. Please stop by the office to sign your paperwork by 02/8/19. The following tenants still need to sign: 11A 12A 14A 14B 14C 15A 15B 16A 17B 17C 18A 18B 18C 19B 20A 20C 22C 23A 23C 24B 24C 25A 25C 26B 27A 27B 27C 28A 28C 29A 29C 30A 31A 31C 101A 101D 102A 102B 102D 103A 104A 104C 104E 104F 105B 105C 106A 106F 107C 107D 107F 108C 108D 108E 109A 109B 110A 110B 110C 110D 111A 112C 113D 114B 114D 115A 117C 118A 119E 120A 122B 123A 125A 125E 126A 127A 129E 132A 133E 134A 135G 202 203 303 305 308 402

Resident Council – Movie Night

On Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. the Resident Council will be having a movie night in the Highrise dining room. Please bring a drink and/or snack to pass. All residents are invited to attend!

Free Tax Preparation Available

AARP and the Mecosta County Commission on Aging are offering tax preparation services again this year. However, there will be NO appointments available at Parkview Village. The AARP's Tax program will have volunteers doing tax preparation every Tuesday and Thursday at the Mecosta County Service Building starting February 5, 2019. This is by appointment only. Please call Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) after January 22, 2019 to make an appointment if you need help with your taxes at (231) 796-4848.

Neighborhood Watch

Members are needed. Available duties would include to observe, log, and report to Big Rapids Housing Commission and/or law enforcement suspicious persons/activity, safety concerns, and suggestions for improving our neighborhood in a coordinated effort to resolve issues as well as educate the residents about home and personal safety while setting a standard for the local community. If you are interested, please contact Laurie and plan to attend the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch & Resident Council News

The Neighborhood Watch board positions & Resident Council board positions for President, Vice-President & Sec/Treasurer will be elected at the April 2019 meeting. If you are interested in running for the position or nominating someone else for a position, please contact Laurie or Linda at 231-796-8689. The election will be on April 9, 2019 during the Regular Meetings.

Thermostats

Please be reminded that the thermostats will not go above 72°. If you force the thermostat past 72° it will break, and you will be charged accordingly. Please provide a Dr. statement if you need an exception.

Reporting Income Changes

Please remember that the lease states that you must promptly report income changes to Management **within ten (10) days** of occurrence.

Ice Melt

The ice melt we have in the office is now free of charge. Please bring your own container when picking up ice melt and remember to secure the lid on the ice melt container.

Free Ice Melt Locations:

- For South Parkview Buildings 10-31: At office entry and under canopy by 19 Building.
- For Family in Buildings 1-8: Top of steps between 4 & 7 Buildings
- For Family in Buildings 115-117: By mailboxes
- For North Parkview Buildings 110-114: In circle drive beside out-going mail box.
- For North Parkview Buildings 101-109: Under canopy between 101 & 102 Buildings.
- For Evergreen 118-135 Buildings: By mailboxes near 119 & 132 Buildings.

SPACE HEATER CHARGE - North Parkview Senior Section – Residents in 101A – 114D

Reminder: All residents living in 101A thru 114D ONLY will be charged \$15.00 per month for excess electric usage for using a space heater. Space heaters must be UL approved (Underwriters Laboratory Safety Compliance - UL LISTED) and be approved by the Big Rapids Housing Commission.

Garbage Disposal

We have observed that tenants have been laying their garbage on top of and beside the dumpsters instead of placing it inside the dumpster which is causing it to fall on the ground. Please discontinue this practice.

High Rise Recycle Area

The recycling area is not the place to dispose of your bagged garbage. Help keep this area tidy and odor free by rinsing out your containers and placing them in the proper bins.

Laundry Room Reminders

Remember when doing your laundry to always clean out your pockets prior to washing your clothing, clean washers after use and empty dryer lint traps after each use. Also, a reminder of laundry room hours are as follows:

South Parkview Village Laundry Room Hours:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays/Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

North Parkview Village Laundry Room Hours:

Monday – Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Evergreen Village Laundry Room Hours:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays/Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The doors will be locked at closing time – so make sure you are done with your laundry according to the closing times.

Security Cameras

For the protection of our residents we have security cameras throughout the Big Rapids Housing Commission complexes.

Snow Removal Reminders

Do Not Pull Your Vehicle Over the Sidewalks!!!



Be prepared to move or have someone move your vehicle on snow days so all parking areas may be plowed properly. Residents shall be responsible to remove snow and ice from the immediate unit area, patios, porches and service walks to main sidewalk.

Please contact the office if you observe any icy sidewalks or lots that need attention. Ice melt is available for FREE in the office and the other locations listed above, you must bring your own container.

Many of you are not moving your vehicles for snow removal. In most cases, it is necessary for ALL vehicles to move from the lot. Be considerate to others in your area who make the effort to move.

Please be on the lookout for our snow removal trucks and tractors! Keep a safe distance from this equipment. The maintenance staff is concerned for your safety, as many people walk out in front of and behind them. With all the attached equipment on their vehicles, it makes it very difficult for them to see a pedestrian behind their vehicle – especially children.

Do you have moisture in your home?

Moisture issues can become a major concern for everyone. There are many reasons why moisture can be a problem, which is why controlling moisture is key. Please review the following “moisture control tips”:

- When water leaks or spills occur indoors, ACT QUICKLY and clean up wet or damp areas immediately.
- If you see condensation or moisture collecting on windows, walls or pipes ACT QUICKLY to dry the wet surface and reduce the moisture/water source. Condensation can be a sign of high humidity.
- Run the bathroom fan if you have one when showering and run it for 20-30 minutes after showering.
- Use the range hood exhaust fan whenever cooking.
- Do not block heat registers and vents as this may restrict proper air flow in your unit.

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
115A	2/13/2019	117C	2/20/2019	119C	2/27/2019
115B	2/13/2019	118A	2/20/2019	119D	2/27/2019
115C	2/13/2019	118B	2/20/2019	119E	2/27/2019
116A	2/13/2019	118C	2/20/2019	120A	2/27/2019
116B	2/13/2019	118D	2/20/2019	120B	2/27/2019
116C	2/13/2019	118E	2/20/2019	120C	2/27/2019
117A	2/13/2019	119A	2/20/2019	120D	2/27/2019
117B	2/13/2019	119B	2/20/2019	120E	2/27/2019

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.

It will be necessary for you to acquire a bed frame so the monitors can be installed. These monitors must be kept in place at all times and the resident will be charged \$5.00 per monitor for any damaged or removed monitors.

North Parkview Village 101-109

The maintenance staff would like to acknowledge what a GREAT job you all do moving your vehicles for snow removal. You are timely, considerate, and keep your vehicles out of the way until your lot has been cleared. You set a great example of how efficient snow removal can be when we work as a team!

Health Department – Cooking Classes

The District Health Department #10 will be offering cooking classes in the Highrise Dining Room from 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: February 19 & 26; March 5, 12, 19 & 26. All residents are invited! Please call Lacey to register at (231) 305-8673.

Reminder!

Wipes are not flushable! Even if the package claims they are sewer safe and flushable, they **ARE NOT** and this eventually leads to clogged sewer lines. A charge will apply if personal wipes are found to be the cause of your sewer back up.

Maintenance Reminders to All Residents

- If you are aware of an emergency work order, such as having no heat, or toilet not flushing – call during hours of operation, if possible! Please do NOT wait until the end of the day to report an issue you were aware of earlier in the day!
- Also, do not dump grease down your sinks. Pour hot grease in a tin container, and when it has cooled then throw it away in the trash. Grease will clog the lines and a charge will apply if grease is found to be the cause of your clogged sink.

Events at Artworks

Beginning Wheel Pottery - Have you ever wanted to get your hands muddy and try working on the potter's wheel? In this class, correct technique is emphasized as students are guided step by step through the process of creating pottery on the wheel. Students will successfully complete about five glazed pieces, usually bowls. While this class is designed for beginning students, those with prior wheel experience are encouraged to register.

Instructor: Margo Berke - Tuesdays: January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, and March 5 Time: 6-8pm

Fundamentals of Photography - In this beginner series, participants will learn to utilize the various settings of their DSLR or mirrorless digital camera to create a firm foundation on which to build photography skills. Topics will include: types of cameras, parts of the camera, shooting modes, focus, and more. Each lesson will include an overview, presentation, and an opportunity to practice the material covered. Required materials: DSLR, Mirrorless Camera, or Compact Camera with Aperture Priority, Shutter Priority, and Manual Modes.

Instructor: David Johnson - Tue, Mar 5, 2019, 7:30 PM

- **Contact: Telephone (231) 796-2420 or artworkseducation@gmail.com.**

