



February Resident Newsletter

Thursday January 30, 2020



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, February 13, 2020 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 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, 2020. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Signatures Needed Please come to the office to sign your most recent rent recertification paperwork: 1A 1B 1D 2A 2B 3D 4A 4C 4D 5A 5B 5C 6A 6B 6D 7A 7B 8A 8CU 8C 22B 24A 101E 104D 107C 113B 113C 115B 115C 116B 116C 118A 118B 118E 119B 119C 119D 120C 120D 121A 121B 121E 122C 122D 122E 123B 123C 123D 123E 124B 124D 125B 125C 125D 126C 126D 127D 127E 128C 128D 128E 129A 129D 131D 132B 132C 132D 132E 133C 134E 135D 135E 135F

Parkview & Evergreen SENIOR Apartments - REMINDER

Annual rent recertification paperwork is now ready to be signed in accordance with the notice sent on 1/13/20. All senior and disabled resident rent reviews will become effective 06/01/20. Please stop by the office to sign your paperwork by 02/7/20. The following tenants still need to sign: 11B 12B 13A 13B 14A 14B 14C 15A 15B 17A 18A 18B 18C 19C 20A 20C 21C 23A 23C 24A 24C 28A 28C 29A 31A 101B 101D 101F 102A 103A 104A 104B 104C 104D 104E 105B 105C 106A 106B 106E 106F 107C 107D 107F 108B 108C 108E 109A 110A 110B 110C 111C 112B 112C 113A 113C 113D 114A 114B 115A 117C 119A 119E 120A 121D 123A 126A 131A 131B 132A 133E 135A 135G 202 203 307 403 404

Free Tax Preparation Available

AARP and the Mecosta County Commission on Aging are offering tax preparation services again this year. RSVP is no longer using Parkview Village as a tax preparation site. The AARP's Tax program will have volunteers doing tax preparation every Tuesday and Thursday at the Mecosta County Service Building starting February 3, 2020. This is by appointment only. Please call Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) 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 11, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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.

Please make sure you are securing the salt bucket lid after getting salt to avoid snow/water from getting inside.

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.

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.

BRHC Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (A.C.O.P.) Revisions effective 4/1/2020

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has revised the A.C.O.P. to include **Security Deposit Revision, VAWA Requirements, Smoke Free Requirements and Over-Income Requirements.** This policy went through a 45 comment period with the 2020 Annual Plan and 5 Year Agency Plan. The revised A.C.O.P. will become effective on 4/01/2020 with the Annual Plan. Copies are available upon request at the main office located at 9 Parkview Village. Any comments on the revised A.C.O.P. must be received by at the management office located at 9 Parkview Village by March 2, 2020.

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.

Resident Sidewalks

Residents shall be responsible to remove snow and ice from the immediate unit area, patios, porches and service walks to the main sidewalk. If you are unable to clear your personal sidewalk due to medical reasons, it will be necessary for you to provide a Doctor's note.

Residents must use ice melt or ice pellets to remove ice from the sidewalk. Ice melt is available in the office and other designated locations – you must bring your own container. Rock salt is not allowed. **The maintenance staff will be inspecting walks every day. If your sidewalk is in an unsatisfactory condition, we will tag your door & give you 24 hours to clear your sidewalk or you will be charged the current hourly rate BRHC to clear your walk for you.**

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 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.

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!

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

The Housing Commission contracts 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	2/12/2020			119C	2/26/2020
115B	2/12/2020	118A	2/19/2020	119D	2/26/2020
115C	2/12/2020	118B	2/19/2020	119E	2/26/2020
116A	2/12/2020	118C	2/19/2020	120A	2/26/2020
116B	2/12/2020	118D	2/19/2020	120B	2/26/2020
116C	2/12/2020	118E	2/19/2020	120C	2/26/2020
117A	2/12/2020	119A	2/19/2020	120D	2/26/2020
117B	2/12/2020	119B	2/19/2020	120E	2/26/2020
117C	2/12/2020				

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.

Art Works

The Festival of the Arts is an annual series of entertainment, educational and cultural events offered daily throughout February in Big Rapids. Provided through a partnership between Ferris State University and the Big Rapids community, the Festival features a variety of art, film and music presentations, as well as interactive workshops and contests.

Festival Booklets are available which lists all the events for the entire month!

