



January Resident Newsletter



December 27, 2018

Big Rapids Housing Commission wishes you a Happy New Year!

Rent is due January 1, 2019. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Holiday Schedule – Big Rapids Housing Commission

The Big Rapids Housing Commission will be closed on the following days in observance of the Holiday

New Year: Monday, December 31, 2018 Tuesday, January 1, 2019

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

After Hours MAINTENANCE Emergency

Please be reminded that you can call **1-877-451-0123** for any after hour emergency maintenance issues that cannot wait until regular office hours, such as no heat or no water.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 3:30 p.m. Resident Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 4:00 p.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 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.

Signatures Needed Please come to the office to sign your most recent rent recertification paperwork:

1B 2B 2C 5A 5B 6D 7C 7D 8D 106C 107A 110C 113E 116B 118A 121E 122E 123E 126D
129D 131D 132C 133D 134D

PARKVIEW & EVERGREEN FAMILY RENT REVIEWS

Thank you to all of the family residents who have signed their annual rent review paperwork. We still need signatures from one or more adults from the following households: 1A 2A 2B 3A 3D 4B 4C 5B 5D
6D 7A 7B 7D 8A 8CU 11A 16C 20B 22B 24A 31B 101F 102F 103B 104D 105A 106D 107A
108A 108F 111B 112A 112D 113E 114C 116B 116C 117A 118B 118C 118E 120D 120E 121A
121B 121E 122C 122E 123C 123E 124B 125C 126E 127A 127C 128E 129A 129B 129C 131C
132C 132D 132E 133A 134A 134E 135C 406

If your unit # is on the above list and you do not respond by noon on Friday, January 4, 2019, your April rent will increase to the flat rent. The flat rent amounts are based on bedroom size, but average \$900.00 per month.

Resident Council – Board Game Night

On Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. the Resident Council will be having a get together to play board games. All residents are invited to attend!

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! See the attached flyer.

Illegal Drug Use

Please be advised that even though Proposal 1 passed Big Rapids Housing Commission continues to prohibit the use of all illegal drugs, including marijuana, regardless if you have a medical marijuana card. **If you believe illegal drug activity is occurring, please call Central Dispatch at 231-796-4811 or 9-1-1.**

Winter Reminders

To assist with snow removal, please make sure all rugs have been brought inside for the winter. They can get caught in the maintenance equipment and cause damage. All garden hoses should have been removed off the building now to prevent damage.

Tips for Avoiding Slips and Falls in the Winter, Snow and Ice

The winter months are accompanied by slippery conditions that result in slips and falls. If you must go outside you should wear shoes that provide good traction and dress warmly. Being cold may cause you to hurry or tense your muscles which could affect your balance. Give yourself plenty of time to travel. Be careful when exiting your vehicle by putting both feet on the ground before standing up. Always use sidewalks, cleared paths and avoid shortcuts. Pay attention to the walking surface and look for slippery surfaces. Remember that once parking lots, sidewalks, and steps are cleared they could be covered with black ice. Only carry necessary items because bulky items could cause you to lose your balance. Please contact the office if you observe any icy sidewalks or lots that need attention.



Please try to avoid leaving your apartment during any severe weather, unless absolutely necessary.

Reminder to Keep Your Vehicle Locked

For your safety and your belongings, it is important that you keep your car locked at all times.

Parking over Sidewalks

A reminder to **NOT** park your vehicle over the sidewalk. The maintenance staff is unable to get their equipment through these tight areas.

Thermostats

Please be reminded that the thermostats will not go above 72°. If you force the thermostat past 72° it will break, the connection to the heating system will be lost, you will have no heat and you will be charged approximately \$80.00 to replace the thermostat. The Big Rapids Housing Commission is able to increase the temperature past 72° if the resident provides a letter from a doctor stating that a documented medical condition exists.

Pull cords in Senior Section

Reminder to Senior residents in apartments 10A – 31C & 101A – 114D: when a resident pulls their emergency pull cord in their bathroom or bedroom there is a flashing light above the door and a bell rings on the building. If you feel comfortable please check on your neighbor or call dispatch.

South Parkview Village Recycling Center

Please be reminded that we have a recycling center located in the Highrise next to the laundry room. You may bring your items when the office is open, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Close Windows

Reminder to close your windows! Do not leave them open in this cold weather. This allows an excessive amount of heated air to escape, causing the utility bill to increase.

Friday Night Euchre

Euchre Night on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. Euchre Group meets in the Highrise Dining Room. All residents are invited! There will be a \$1.00 charge to play and no charge for the euchres. For more information, call Terry at (231) 592-0863, Sue at (231)592-4952 or Diane at (231) 250-0191. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you wish.

Garbage Disposal Reminder

If the dumpsters/carts in your area are full, please contact the management office. **DO NOT PLACE YOUR GARBAGE OUTSIDE OF THE GARBAGE RECEPTACLE.**

If garbage is scattered due to non-compliance with this policy or placed outside of the garbage receptacle, it will be identified and the resident will be charged \$10.00. Two (2) such offenses shall constitute a lease violation notice or a notice to quit.

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

The Housing Commission has contracted 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	Apt #	Date
1A	1/9/19	3A	1/16/19	5A	1/23/19	7A	1/30/19
1B	1/9/19	3B	1/16/19	5B	1/23/19	7B	1/30/19
1C	1/9/19	3C	1/16/19	5C	1/23/19	7C	1/30/19
1D	1/9/19	3D	1/16/19	5D	1/23/19	7D	1/30/19
2A	1/9/19	4A	1/16/19	6A	1/23/19	8A	1/30/19
2B	1/9/19	4B	1/16/19	6B	1/23/19	8B	1/30/19
2C	1/9/19	4C	1/16/19	6C	1/23/19	8C & CU	1/30/19
2D	1/9/19	4D	1/16/19	6D	1/23/19	8D	1/30/19

