

January Newsletter

December 27, 2019

Big Rapids Housing Commission wishes you a Happy New Year!

Rent is due January 1, 2020. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

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: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 Wednesday, January 1, 2020

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance 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 14, 2020, 3:30 p.m. Resident Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 4:00 p.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2020, 9:00 a.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:

1A 2B 4B 4D 7A 7B 7D 105B 107C 112A 113F 115C 117B 119C 120B 121D 122C 122D 122E 123B
123C 123D 125C 126D 127D 132B 132D 135D 135F

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 1B 1C 1D 2B 2C 2D 3A 3C 3D 4A
5A 5B 6A 6B 6D 7B 7C 7D 8A 101F 102F 103B 105B 106C 106D 107A 108A 111A 111B 112A 113B
113E 115A 115B 115C 116A 116C 117C 118D 118E 119B 119D 120C 121A 121B 121C 122C 122D 122E
123C 123D 123E 124B 124C 125C 125D 126B 126C 127B 127C 127D 127E 127F 128A 128B 128D 129B
131D 131E 131F 132B 132C 132D 132E 133A 133B 133D 134A 134B 134D 135B 135E 135F

If your unit # is on the above list and you do not respond by noon on Friday, January 3, 2020, your April rent will increase to the flat rent. The flat rent amounts are based on bedroom size, but average \$900.00 per month.

Bingo for the month of January

Bingo will be held every Thursday starting January 9, 2020 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the high rise. There will be no cost, bring snacks and drinks and enjoy some fun!

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 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.

Commodities Distribution date change

Commodities distribution at Parkview has been rescheduled from January 3, 2020 to January 2, 2020.

NO WIPES

Please be reminded that 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.

Weekly Matinee Movie - Popcorn is provided – bring your own beverage!

Movies will continue to be provided on the following days at 3 p.m. in the Highrise Community Room: January 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. Movies are to be announced – look for posters in the Highrise with more information soon!

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
1A	1/15/20	3A	1/22/20	5A	1/29/20
1B	1/15/20	3B	1/22/20	5B	1/29/20
1C	1/15/20	3C	1/22/20	5C	1/29/20
1D	1/15/20	3D	1/22/20	5D	1/29/20
2A	1/15/20	4A	1/22/20	6A	1/29/20
2B	1/15/20	4B	1/22/20	6B	1/29/20
2C	1/15/20	4C	1/22/20	6C	1/29/20
2D	1/15/20	4D	1/22/20	6D	1/29/20

