



January Newsletter



December 28, 2022

Big Rapids Housing Commission wishes you a Happy New Year!

Rent is due January 1, 2023. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 am on Thursday, January 6, 2023.

Holiday Schedule – Big Rapids Housing Commission

The Big Rapids Housing Commission will be **closed** on the following days in observance of the Holidays:
New Year: Friday, December 30, 2022 - Monday, Jan 2, 2023

The office will also be **closed** on Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr, Day.

Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meetings are as follows & will be held in the Highrise Conference Room:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Public Hearing, 2023 Annual Plan

Signatures Needed

If your apartment # appears on this list, then you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review: 2A 2B 5C 6A 6B 7D 8CU 10C 18C 102F 104C 105A 107B 108A 111B 113E 113F 115C 118A 118B 119B 119C 119D 121B 122C 122D 122E 123D 126A 127E 128A 129D 131A 131D 131E 132C 134C 134D 135F

Parkview Family & Evergreen Apartments

It's Annual Rent Review time again. You will be receiving rent recertification documentation in the mail soon. It will be necessary for all RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE FAMILY SECTIONS to complete this paperwork and return it to the office immediately. If you do not return this documentation by January 6, 2023, your April rent will increase to the flat rent. The flat rent amounts are based on bedroom size, but average \$1000.00 per month.

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.

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 reminded you are not allowed to back your vehicle into your parking space.

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.

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.

Ice Melt Location Update

Ice melt is available at the following locations free of charge - please bring your own container:

- 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: Under North Community Room Canopy entry.
- For North Parkview Buildings 101-109: Under canopy between 101 & 102 Buildings.
- For Evergreen 118-135 Buildings: By mailboxes near 119, 125, & 132 Buildings.

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

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.



IF YOU ARE AWARE OF A SLIPPERY SPOT, PLEASE REPORT IT TO THE OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS. FEEL FREE TO USE THE FREE SALT LOCATED IN YOUR AREA AFTER HOURS.

Neighborhood Watch and Resident Council– Get Involved

The Neighborhood Watch program and Resident Council have been very successful over the years. There are currently several openings on the Neighborhood Watch and Resident Council Board, and we need residents to join to keep the programs successful. If you are interested in joining the board/program, please contact the office & plan to attend the next Resident Council meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. and the Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Supportive residents are greatly needed to make a difference and help keep our neighborhood safe.

PHA Plan Public Hearing Notice

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has revised its' Annual Plan for fiscal year 2023. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the Housing Commission's Conference Room at 9:00 a.m.

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.

Highrise Community Room Activities

- Euchre schedule is as follows: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 5:00 p.m., and the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:00p.m.
- Bible Study on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Uno on Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 1:00 p.m.

Thermostats

Please be reminded that the thermostats will not go above 72°. If you force the thermostat past 72° it will break, the connection to the heating system will be lost, you will have no heat and you will be charged approximately \$105.00 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.

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.

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.

Excess Utility Charge for Residents in apartments 101-A – 114-D – Call to Report your Space Heater

Please be reminded where no direct metering or check metering is in place, monthly charges will be assessed for resident owned appliances. This includes all residents living in 101A thru 114D ONLY. Residents in these apartments will be charged \$23.00 per month for excess electric usage for using a space heater. If you live in the North Parkview Senior Section, it is your responsibility to report your space heater to the office (the same as you do your air conditioner). Management will apply the excess utility charge for the period you use the heater and remove the charge when you report that you are no longer using the heater. All space heaters must be approved by the Big Rapids Housing Commission. A resident who fails to report the possession of a resident owned appliance will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

*Space heaters must be UL approved (Underwriters Laboratory Safety Compliance - UL LISTED) and be approved by the Big Rapids Housing Commission.

Power Outage Reminders

In case of a power outage, please remember:

- Stay calm and alert.
- Contact 911 and request assistance if your health is at risk due to the utility failure.
- The highrise lobby will be open.

Stove Top Reminder

Please do NOT store anything on your stove top as this is a fire hazard.

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for January 2023:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
120E	1/11/22	122C	1/18/22	124A	1/25/22
121A	1/11/22	122D	1/18/22	124B	1/25/22
121B	1/11/22	122E	1/18/22	124C	1/25/22
121C	1/11/22	123A	1/18/22	124D	1/25/22
122D	1/11/22	123B	1/18/22	124E	1/25/22
122E	1/11/22	123C	1/18/22	125A	1/25/22
122A	1/11/22	123D	1/18/22	125B	1/25/22
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