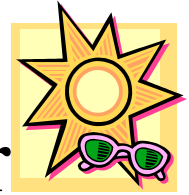




June Resident Newsletter



June 11, 2020

Office Closed

The Housing Commission Staff is back working full time as of Monday, June 8, 2020, however, we remain closed to the public. Our tentative plan is to re-open on Monday, July 6, 2020. The Housing Commission Office will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of Independence Day.

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings have been postponed until further notice.

Unit Inspections

At this time we will not be doing any unit inspections. You will receive proper notice once they are scheduled.

Signatures

Do not come to the office to sign documents until further notice.

Social Distancing

Please continue to practice social distancing, including on the playgrounds. The CDC guidelines for social distancing are as follows:

Social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people
- Do not gather in groups
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings

Playground precautions

Please use playground precautions and follow the rules in place by the CDC.

Using playgrounds might lead to the spread of COVID-19 because:

- It can be challenging to keep surfaces [clean and disinfected](#).
- The virus can spread when young children touch contaminated equipment and then touch their hands to their eyes, nose, or mouth.

It is important to practice proper hand washing which greatly reduces the chances of spreading germs.

The playground area is open for play during daylight hours. To avoid injuries this area is prohibited at 9:00 p.m. or dark, whichever comes first.

The following rules are posted on the playground:

1. Use of playground equipment is at your own risk.
2. Play area reserved for residents only.
3. Young residents under the age of thirteen (13) must be accompanied by an adult.
4. No rough playing or yelling permitted.
5. Only 1 person per swing at a time.
6. No glass bottles in play area.
7. No one over the age of sixteen (16) permitted to use equipment.



Summer Reminders

Please move patio furniture, tables, toys, etc. when you see the mowers around the complex. Also, please remind your children not to leave food wrappers and debris on the lawn or hang on the clotheslines and to respect neighbors' personal property and belongings.

Water keys are available in the office for the outside faucets. The cost is \$4.00.

To avoid high water bills, we continue to limit water use.

1. Sprinklers (for children to play in) can be used for 1 hour every day.
2. Kiddy pools can be filled once every day. Pools are limited to 20 gallons.
3. Watering (plants, flowers, etc) is limited to 15 minutes.

Pools are to be emptied after use. Residents are prohibited from leaving pools up overnight due to safety issues.

IN ADDITION, RUNNING TOILETS, DRIPPING SINKS, AND TUB FAUCETS NEED TO BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE OFFICE FOR REPAIR.

Laundry – Washer Use

The detergent soap pods cannot be used in the soap drawers in any of the Housing Commission laundry rooms. This will cause the washers to malfunction. If you use detergent soap pods please place directly into the wash basket and **NOT** the soap drawer.

Pull cord Reminder: PARKVIEW SENIOR SECTIONS

When a resident pulls their emergency pull cord a special light will come on near the resident's front door. 9-1-1 is not contacted. Residents are encouraged to contact the office (if open) or call 9-1-1.

Smoke Free/Flame Free/Burn Free

Please be reminded effective August 1, 2018 the Big Rapids Housing Commission implemented a policy barring the use of prohibited tobacco products in all public housing living units, interior common areas and outdoor areas. **The policy prohibits all residents, guests and employees from smoking on Big Rapids Housing Commission property and also bans candles, incense and e-cigarettes.**

Security Cameras For your protection we have installed security cameras throughout the Big Rapids Housing Commission complexes.

Rescheduled Clean Up Day

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020 we will be having Clean-Up day. On this day only you may place any large items out for pick up & we will pick them up free of charge. It is your responsibility to transport items to the curb by noon.

Extermination Notice – Ants, spiders, etc. – Friday, June 19, 2020

On Friday, June 19, 2020, Rose Pest Solutions will be spraying around the perimeter of EVERY building. In case of rain Friday, June 26, 2020 will be the make-up date. Please clean up the area around your unit and remove all lawn furniture, toys, plants, lawn ornaments, etc. from the outside perimeter of your apartment, (about 3ft. from the building). Toys and other items should be placed in the sheds. On Thursday, June 18, 2020 we will be checking to make sure the areas around your apartment are clear and anyone in non-compliance will receive a notice. Pets should not be outside during the application. The exterminator recommends having all windows shut during the application.