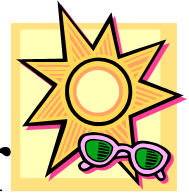




June Resident Newsletter



May 20, 2022

Office Closed

We will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meetings are as follows & will be held in the Highrise Conference Room and all residents are invited to attend.

Thursday, June 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Neighborhood Watch is looking for Block Captains in North Parkview Senior Buildings 101-114 and Parkview Family Building 1-117. If you are interested in being a block captain, please call the office for more details and/or join us at the upcoming meeting on June 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Rent is due on June 1, 2022. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Signatures Needed - All elderly recertifications have been completed and are ready for signatures.

If your apartment # appears on this list, then you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review:
1A 2A 3A 3B 4B 6A 6C 7B 7C 8A 8CU 115C 117B 118B 118C 118E 119A 119B 119C 119D 119E
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Summer Clean Up

On Tuesday, May 24, 2022, we will be having Summer Clean-Up. On this day 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.

Annual Inspections – Next Week for All Family Apartments

Unit Inspections have been scheduled for all apartments in the family sections on the following dates:

Parkview Family (1-8 & 115-117)	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Evergreen (118-126)	Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Evergreen (127-135)	Thursday, May 26, 2022

If any needed repairs are identified during the inspection the maintenance staff may be re-entering your apartment on your inspection day to complete the repairs whether you are home or not.

We will be making sure that your stove is clean, including oven and under stovetop. We will also be making sure you are taking proper care of your floors (mopping and waxing when needed) and take an overall look at your general housekeeping. We will be checking for damage to the unit and looking for any work orders that are not being reported to the office in a timely manner. Please be reminded it is your responsibility to call the office if you need a work order completed. It is also important that the areas in front of and behind your unit are clean, including your shed. Residents in violation of the Curtain Policy will receive a lease violation notice. If you need curtains, please stop by the Curtain Pantry located in the Highrise, for free curtains.

Exterior Extermination Notice – Ants, spiders, etc. & Moles

In May 2022, Rose Pest Solutions sprayed around the perimeter of EVERY building. Please let the office know immediately if you are experiencing any pest issues so we can have your area treated again if necessary. The Big Rapids Housing Commission has contracted with Rose Pest Solutions to treat for moles. Please contact the office if you have an active mole run near your building so it can be treated accordingly.

Resident Council Picnic – All Residents are welcome to attend!

On Saturday, August 27, 2022 the Resident Council will be hosting a 1950's themed picnic from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. behind the highrise building. Access this area through the Employee Parking Lot located on the West end of the highrise. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the highrise dining room. Refreshments and hot dogs will be served. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet the Resident Council Officers. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and please remember to put your name on dishes you bring. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Prevailing Wage Laborer Temporary Position Available for Residents Only - Section 3 Resident Needed

Mid-State Electric Inc. has been contracted to upgrade the electrical panels in all Parkview Village Apartments. This work has already begun at North Parkview Village and will continue until all units are complete. Residents will receive further notice on this project. The contractor is looking for a laborer to assist them with light demolition, cleanup, sanitizing and cleaning. You must be a resident to apply. Applications are available at the Housing Commission Office.

Riding Bicycles at Evergreen

Please do not allow children to ride their bicycles on the upper sidewalk area at Evergreen Village due to safety precautions. However, they are allowed to ride on the lower sidewalks.

Parking Policy Reminder – Non-compliant Vehicles will be tagged

Keep all vehicles back as far as necessary to keep the front bumper from hanging over the sidewalk so as to avoid personal injury of the pedestrian traffic and children riding bicycles.

All vehicles must be registered with the management office and must have a Housing Commission parking sticker provided by management, affixed to the inside upper left rear window of the vehicle.

Parking Lot Maintenance- Evergreen Village

The Big Rapids Housing Commission has contracted with Star Pavement to perform parking lot maintenance and striping of the parking lot at Evergreen Village. This work will begin at the end of June or beginning of July. Residents will be required to move their vehicles to assist with this project. Please be reminded that All Evergreen resident vehicles are to be parked in their assigned parking spaces and not in any other space, in all cases where parking spaces are provided and identified with the unit number on the face of the curb.

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.

2022 Senior Project Fresh-

Mecosta County Commission on Aging will be hosting a free educational class and registration, June 14, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Parkview's Highrise Building. Must be 60 years of age or older. You are eligible to receive \$25.00 in free coupons at participating farmers markets to purchase Michigan grown produce.

Labor Rate - Effective July 1, 2022, the maintenance labor rate is increasing to \$45.00.

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

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. Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for this month:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	APT #	Date
25A	6/08/22	27C	6/15/22	30B	6/22/21	101C	06/29/22
25B	6/08/22	28A	6/15/22	30C	6/22/21	101D	06/29/22
25C	6/08/22	28B	6/15/22	30D	6/22/21	101E	06/29/22
26A	6/08/22	28C	6/15/22	31A	6/22/21	101F	06/29/22
26B	6/08/22	29A	6/15/22	31B	6/22/21	102A	06/29/22
26C	6/08/22	29B	6/15/22	31C	6/22/21	102B	06/29/22
27A	6/08/22	29C	6/15/22	101A	6/22/21	102C	06/29/22
27B	6/08/22	30A	6/15/22	101B	6/22/21	102D	06/29/22

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.

Bed Bug Monitors

The monitors that are installed in your apartment must be kept in place at all times. You will be charged \$5.00 per monitor for any damaged or removed monitors. Upon move out if all the monitors we installed are not left in the unit you will be charged \$5.00 for each monitor.

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.

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: SOUTH PARKVIEW SENIOR SECTION

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.**

Illegal Drug Use

Please be advised that Big Rapids Housing Commission prohibits the use of all illegal drugs including marijuana, regardless if you have a medical marijuana card. Marijuana is still against federal law and therefore not allowed in any of our apartment complexes because our funding and/or rules are federal. **If you believe drug activity is occurring, please contact the office at (231) 796-8689.**

Michigan Works -Young Professionals Program

Michigan Works Young Adult Services Program will help you gain the skills to succeed in tomorrow's workforce. If you are ready to work, they can help. They are looking for young adults ages 16 – 24 who are

getting ready to graduate from high school, about to start or finish their GED, teen parents or in foster care, getting ready to enter the workforce, and looking for their next step. They provide the following programs: Young Professionals Program, Training Funding Assistance, On the Job Training, and Work Experience. Give them a call at 231-796-0049 or visit mwwc.org/youth

Downtown Farmer's Market

Spring is here, and the Big Rapids Downtown Farmer's Market is back! The Farmers' Market, located at 226 N. Michigan Ave., is a showcase for locally grown food and other farm related products, providing an alternative marketing opportunity for local farmers and consumers to interact directly with each other. Hours are as follows: Tuesdays – 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Fridays – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pocket Park Concert Series

Every Friday from June through September, there is free live music in Pocket Park from 12:00pm to 2:00pm! Brought to you by the Schuberg Insurance Agency and Auto Owners Insurance **Location:** Pocket Park (just south of 125 N. Michigan Ave.)



Increase in Electric Rate

Beginning June 1, 2022, peak pricing will go into effect through the end of September. That means from Monday through Friday in the summer, electricity will cost 1.5 times more, during the hours of 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Shifting when you use energy, and taking advantage of energy efficiency opportunities, will help save energy.

MOCC Cosmetology Program for Senior Citizens

We are sorry to announce the salon will be closed May 19th – September while school is closed for the summer.

Assurance Wireless, Free Cell Phone

Assurance wireless is offering a free cell phone to qualified applicants. You may contact them at www.assurancewireless.com or at 888-321-5880 to see if you qualify.

Big Rapids Library

Homebound program is a once a month delivery and pick up service for reading material for those individuals who are unable to travel independently. Contact Kayla at (231) 796-5234 or go to the Big Rapids Library and fill out an application geared towards your interests and book types.

33rd Senior Enrichment Day

Wednesday June 22, 2022. You can register at www.seniorenrichmentday.com

COVID-19 Operations Update

Big Rapids Housing Commission continues to take extra precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Before a maintenance person enters your apartment to complete a work order, we will ask if you or anyone in your household is sick. As a precaution we are asking residents to wear a mask and leave your apartment if possible or move to another room during the completion of the work order.

