



## **MEADOW PARK APARTMENTS**

**October 31, 2023**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission office will be closed on  
November 23 & 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Rent is due Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Highrise conference room.

### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

All residents are invited to attend a Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. in the Highrise Dining Room. BRHC will be providing KFC. Please bring a dish to pass such as a salad or dessert like pumpkin pie. We hope you are able to come and enjoy a nice dinner with us. Please call the office to sign up by Friday, November 12, 2023.

### **Big Rapids Festival of Lights Christmas Parade**

Join the fun on Saturday, November 18th from 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. for the Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade! This popular parade features floats and groups of walkers loaded with Christmas lights, live reindeer, plus Santa & Mrs. Claus' grand entrance! A short program and read of "The Night Before Christmas" and tree lighting ceremony takes place after the parade in front of the downtown Horizon Bank. There will be plenty of hot chocolate stations throughout downtown.

### **Wild Rose Café Dinner**

The Wild Rose Café is offering a free Christmas Dinner for residents who do not have any family to spend Christmas with. This dinner will be on Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Big Rapids Housing Commission dining room. The space is limited to 45 people – Please call the office to sign up today at 796-8689. You must sign up before Friday, December 8, 2023.

### **Christmas Light Tour**

See attached flyer. You must sign up for this event before Friday, December 8, 2023.

### **Christmas Dinner**

The Resident Council is planning a Christmas dinner. The date and further information will be posted in the December newsletter.

**Daylight Savings:** Sunday, November 5, 2023, time to fall back, remember to set your clocks back one hour!

### **Parking on City Streets**

Beginning Wednesday, November 15, 2023, parking is not allowed on city streets from 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. until Friday, March 15, 2024. This is to allow for snow removal. The City of Big Rapids will ticket and/or tow your vehicle if you park on the streets during this time.

## **Snow Removal Reminders**

Please DO NOT pull your car over the curb. This blocks the sidewalks and makes snow removal difficult.

## **Maintenance Reminders to All Residents**

If you are aware of an emergency work order, such as having no heat, or toilet not flushing – call during hours of operation, if possible! Please do NOT wait until the end of the day to report an issue you were aware of earlier in the day! Also, do not dump grease down your sinks. Pour hot grease in a tin container when it has cooled enough throw it in your trash. Grease will clog the lines and a charge will apply if it is found to be the cause of your clogged sink.

## **Overnight guests**

Please be reminded your lease states all overnight visitors are to be reported to the office and not to exceed 14 nights per year. Allowing an unauthorized person to reside in your apartment may result in the termination of your lease.

## **Garbage Disposal**

Please review the list below on the proper use of garbage disposals. Residents who put inappropriate items in the garbage disposal may be charged to repair/replace the garbage disposal.

### **What NOT to put in the garbage disposal!**

- Rice and pasta – no matter how much water you run or how long you run the appliance, you can never break rice or pasta down small enough. Both items swell when they are in contact with water, so the small pieces will eventually gather in the trap and swell until it is closed.
- Meat or animal bones – the garbage disposal is just not strong enough to break these ITEMS down small enough to fit through. Animal bones and meat are one of the most common things that jam disposals.
- Grease – the grease will eventually solidify and clog a portion, or all, of your drain.
- Egg shells – despite what you may have heard, eggshells do not sharpen disposal blades, they usually just clog the line.
- Any kind of stringy or tough vegetable – this includes asparagus, lettuce, celery, and potato peels.



The old adage “less is more” definitely applies to the garbage disposal. Only small amounts of table scraps should go into the disposal.

## **Cockroach Information**

### *Sanitation is the Key*

- Remove/discard trash and unneeded newspapers, magazines, piles of paper bags, rags, boxes and other items that provide hiding places and harborage.
- Store opened items of food in insect proof containers such as glass jars or sealable plastic containers.
- Drain all sinks in the kitchen and bathrooms and remove any food debris.
- Floors need to remain clean (swept and/or mopped) at all times. Directly after treatment, do not clean with water for two weeks to allow access to the residual chemical.
- Do not leave unsealed food items in bedrooms, living area, etc.

### **Angels of Action**

The Angels of Action Literacy in Action tutoring center is available for reading and math help. It is open Monday through Thursday, by scheduled appointment. There is an application process, and it is open to Mecosta/Osceola County students between 1<sup>st</sup> grade- 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Angels of Action has a mobile food pantry scheduled for Saturday, November 18th, and Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Mecosta County Fairgrounds. Anyone is welcome to utilize this pantry. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and it is first come, first serve (up to 150 families), food distribution will start at approximately 10:00 a.m.

### **Mecosta Osceola Career Center (MOCC) Salon - to all residents**

The Salon is now located at the Mecosta Osceola Career Center. Beginning September 7, 2023, the MOCC Salon will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for haircuts only. Haircuts are \$2.00, which includes a cut and style. MOCC will be open for more days and more services sometime in mid to late October. The MOCC restaurant is also open so you can enjoy lunch for \$8.00. Residents must call the salon at (231) 796-5807 to schedule an appointment. Make sure to mention you are a Parkview resident to receive the same special rates as last year.

### **Local Resources**

Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency (231) 660-0271

Project Starburst (231) 796-5342

Meals on Wheels (231) 972-2884

Manna Pantry (231) 408-2940

Michigan Works (231) 796-0049

Legal Aid (888) 783-8190

Angels of Action (231) 629-8140

