



# Meadow Park

## March 2021 Newsletter

Rent is due Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Late Fees will be posted Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

### **Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 9 a.m. with meeting details to be determined. Agendas will be posted at the main office, Housing Commission Facebook page, and laundry rooms when available.

### **Income**

"I agree I must immediately notify the Landlord or cooperative when there is a change in my gross income or adjustment to income of \$100 per month or when there is a change in the number of persons living in the household. I also understand that failure to report such changes may result in my losing benefits to which I may be entitled or may result in the Landlord/Cooperative or Agency taking corrective action if benefits were mistakenly received. **If your income changes more than \$100 per month you must contact the office as soon as possible.**

### **Electronic Rent**

Tired of paying for a money order every month? Electronic Rent is available. If you are interested in having your rent paid via direct withdrawal, please contact the office to obtain our Electronic Rent Enrollment form.

### **Spring Clean Up**

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021 we will be having Spring 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 dumpster area by noon.

### **COVID-19 Operations Update**

Big Rapids Housing Commission continues to take extra precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Community rooms and the lobby will remain closed for the safety of all residents. Please make sure you continue to call in all repairs (work orders), however, work orders will be completed as necessary only.

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 leave your apartment if possible or move to another room during the completion of the work order.

Rent is still due and payable by Wednesday, March 10, 2021, however if you have a loss of income and cannot pay rent due to this crisis you must contact the office for additional instructions. If you are signed up for electronic rent the rent will transfer on March 5, 2021 as

normal. Residents can put their rent and other items in the tenant drop box which will continue to be checked on a daily basis.

### **Annual Inspections**

Annual Inspections will NOT take place in April, however, please be prepared to have your apartment inspected sometime this year. As a reminder, your lease states:

Resident shall use and occupy the premises in a clean and wholesome manner.

Please make sure that you keep your refrigerator and stove clean, including your oven. Please make sure that you keep your floors and other fixtures in your apartment clean, including your bathtub, toilet, and sinks. Please be reminded it is your responsibility to call the office if you need a work order completed. Please keep the areas around your unit debris/clutter free, and throw away wrappers, trash, papers etc. into the garbage.

### **Free Tax Preparation - UPDATE**

At this time it is still unknown whether the AARP Foundation Volunteer Tax Program will be able to prepare taxes, however, RSVP has closed their waiting list. If the program opens the information will be in the local newspaper and we will post it on our Facebook page. Residents may want to explore other options for preparing their tax return. Mid Michigan Community Action Agency is offering a tax preparation service via phone/mail/fax. Contact 231-660-0271 for more information.

### **Day Light Savings Time**

Remember to spring clocks ahead on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 a.m.

### **Do you have moisture in your home?**

Moisture issues can become a major concern for everyone. There are many reasons why moisture can be a problem, which is why controlling moisture is key. Please review the following “moisture control tips”:

- When water leaks or spills occur indoors, ACT QUICKLY and clean up wet or damp areas immediately.
- If you see condensation or moisture collecting on windows, walls or pipes ACT QUICKLY to dry the wet surface and reduce the moisture/water source. Condensation can be a sign of high humidity.
- Run the bathroom fan when showering and run it for 20-30 minutes after showering.
- Use the range hood exhaust fan whenever cooking.
- Do not block heat registers and vents as this may restrict proper air flow in your unit.

