



March Resident Newsletter



February 28, 2020

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

All meetings will be held in the High-rise Conference Room. All residents are invited to attend.

Rent is due on March 1st. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020.

Signatures Needed

Please come to the office to sign your most recent rent recertification paperwork: 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2B, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5C, 5D, 6A, 6B, 6D, 7A, 7D, 13C, 16C, 19A, 19C, 101E, 106C, 107C, 108A, 108C, 111A, 113E, 115B, 116B, 117A, 118B, 118C, 118E, 119C, 120C, 120E, 121C, 121E, 122D, 122E, 123D, 124B, 124C, 125C, 126B, 127D, 127E, 127F, 128A, 128B, 128C, 129B, 129D, 131D, 131F, 132B, 132C, 132D, 133A, 133B, 133C, 133D, 134A, 134D, 134E, 135D

Parkview & Evergreen SENIOR Apartments - REMINDER

Annual rent recertification paperwork needs to be signed in accordance with the notice sent on 1/13/20. All senior and disabled resident rent reviews will become effective 06/01/20. Please stop by the office to sign your paperwork by 03/1/20. The following tenants still need to sign: 12B, 13A, 17A, 18A, 18C, 19C, 101D, 104D, 104E, 105C, 110C, 126A, 307, 403, 404

Spring Clean Up

On Monday, April 20, 2020 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 curb by noon.

Annual Inspections

Unit Inspections have been scheduled for all apartments on the following dates:	
Parkview Highrise (201 – 408)	Friday, April 17, 2020
Parkview Family (1A – 8D & 115A – 117C)	Monday, April 20, 2020
Evergreen Village (118A – 126E)	Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Evergreen Village (127A – 135G)	Wednesday, April 22, 2020
Parkview South Senior (10A – 31C)	Thursday, April 23, 2020
Parkview North Senior (101A – 114D)	Friday, April 24, 2020

If this time is not convenient for you, Thursday, April 16, 2020, will be the alternate date. You must contact the office by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020 in order to reschedule your inspection.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are on monthly/quarterly inspections, your Spring inspection will be on the above date.

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.

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.

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to spring clocks ahead on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 2:00 a.m.

Reporting Income Changes

Reminder to all residents to report **ALL** income changes within 10 days of the change. Please don't wait until your first paycheck to report the change.

Safelink Wireless

Lifeline phones are a government benefit that helps low-income consumers. Lifeline works with Safelink to provide free government phones with plans to low-income families, and individuals, who qualify financially. With Safelink wireless you get 1,000 free minutes, unlimited texts and wifi. For your free phone call Safelink at (800) 378-1684 or visit www.safelinkwireless.com/enrollment.

Bed Bugs

Eliminate Clutter - Clutter is a bed bug's best friend and a pest management professional's worst enemy. Clutter provides an infinite number of areas for bed bugs to hide and creates areas that cannot be effectively treated by your pest management professional. These areas are a safe haven for bed bugs. Cluttered areas can cause the complete failure of a bed bug control program. Do your best to eliminate clutter. Contact the office immediately if you suspect you may have bed bugs. **Please clean out your bed bug monitors and make sure they are free of dirt and lint on a regular basis. Call the office immediately if any bed bugs are visible.**

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

The Housing Commission contracts with Rose Pest Solutions to inspect all apartments for bed bugs, inspect and/or install monitors on all the accessible beds and couches, and spray the door jambs and doorways throughout the apartments. Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for this month. **It will be necessary for you to acquire a bed frame so the monitors can be installed. These monitors must be kept in place at all times and the resident will be charged \$5.00 per monitor for any damaged or removed monitors.**

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
121A	3/4/2020	122D	3/18/2020	124B	3/25/2020
121B	3/4/2020	122E	3/18/2020	124C	3/25/2020
121C	3/4/2020	123A	3/18/2020	124D	3/25/2020
121D	3/4/2020	123B	3/18/2020	124E	3/25/2020
121E	3/4/2020	123C	3/18/2020	125A	3/25/2020
122A	3/4/2020	123D	3/18/2020	125B	3/25/2020
122B	3/4/2020	123E	3/18/2020	125C	3/25/2020
122C	3/4/2020	124A	3/18/2020	125D	3/25/2020

Residents with allergies will have an opportunity before the treatment date to notify the office if anyone residing in the apartment has asthma/respiratory ailments or sensitivity to petrochemicals. Do not call now.

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.

Springtime Reminders

Please do not allow your children to climb any fences, including the fences at North Parkview Village and Evergreen Village, as this is damaging the fences and your children could get seriously injured.

Please keep the areas around your unit debris/clutter free, and remind your children to throw away wrappers, trash, papers etc. into the garbage.

DO NOT feed the animals!! It attracts all kinds of critters, including skunks. One tenant may call to complain of skunks while the neighbor next door is throwing out all kinds of food for them. Please work together to keep the wild animals away!

Resident and Community Activities Held in BRHC Highrise Dining Room

Commodities: Wednesday, March 4th at 9:30 a.m.
Euchre: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: Tuesdays from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Mexican Train: Wednesdays from 12 – 4p.m.

Flushing of fire hydrants

The City of Big Rapids will be flushing fire hydrants to test flow and capacity, remove minerals and sediment that build up over time in the water system, and to insure good working order of the hydrants. Flushing is scheduled for February 27th, 2020, February 28th, 2020 and March 2nd, 2020.

Low pressure, discoloration, or cloudiness are possible following hydrant flushing in your area. Generally, this will clear up by running cold water for several minutes. Although the water is considered safe to use during this time, customers should refrain from doing laundry when water is discolored. Water from the hydrant may be on the streets and sidewalks in the immediate vicinity of the testing area. Drivers and pedestrians should proceed cautiously in these areas.

Security Cameras

For your protection, we have security cameras throughout the Big Rapids Housing Commission complexes.



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