



March Resident Newsletter



February 28, 2023

Rent is due on Wednesday, March 1st. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming meetings are as follows & will be held in the Highrise Conference Room:

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 3:30 p.m.	Resident Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Thursday, March 23, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting

All meetings will be held in the Highrise Conference Room. All residents are invited to attend.

Signatures Needed

If your apartment # appears on this list, then you need to stop by the office and sign your completed rent review: 1B 1D 2A 2C 3A 3B 3D 4A 4C 4D 5B 5C 6A 6C 6D 7B 7D 8B 8CU 8D 10C 18C 102F 105A 108A 111B 113E 113F 115B 115C 116C 117A 117C 118A 118B 118C 118E 119A 119B 119C 120B 120E 121A 121B 121C 122A 122B 122C 122D 123A 123C 123D 124B 124C 125A 125B 125E 126A 126B 126C 126E 127B 127C 127D 127E 127F 128B 128D 129B 129D 129E 131A 131B 131D 131E 132B 132C 132D 133B 133D 133E 134B 134C 134D 135B 135C 135D 135E 135F 135G

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Board Member positions are all up for re-election. If you are interested in running for a position or nominating someone else for a position, please contact Lisa at 231-796-8689. The election will be on April 11, 2023, during the Annual Meeting. The current board members are Douglas Hacko and Douglas White.

Neighborhood watch would like to thank the Big Rapids Housing Commission maintenance and office staff for all their hard work. THANK YOU!!

Spring Clean Up

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 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.

PET OWNERS – Please be reminded that according to the Pet Policy all dogs and cats must be on a leash when not in owners’ apartment. The leash must be no longer than 4 feet. Pets cannot be tied up or left unattended at any time on Housing Commission property. Also, you must clean up after your pet immediately. Is your emergency contact up to date? If changes need to be made, please contact the office.

Emergency Contact

In an effort to keep emergency contact information updated, please take the time to stop by the office and update any changes that need to be made.

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.

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to spring clocks ahead on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2:00 a.m.

Resident Sidewalks

Residents shall be responsible to remove snow and ice from the immediate unit area, patios, porches and service walks to the main sidewalk. If you are unable to clear your personal sidewalk due to medical reasons, it will be necessary for you to provide a doctor's note.

Residents must use ice melt or ice pellets to remove ice from the sidewalk. Ice melt is available in the office and other designated locations – you must bring your own container. Rock salt is not allowed. **The maintenance staff will be inspecting walks every day. If your sidewalk is in an unsatisfactory condition, we will tag your door and give you 24 hours to clear your sidewalk or you will be charged \$45.00 an hour for BRHC to clear your walk for you.**

Ice Melt

Ice melt is available at the following locations free of charge - please bring your own container:

- For South Parkview Buildings 10-31: At office entry and under canopy by 19 Building.
- For Family in Buildings 1-8: Top of steps between 4 and 7 Buildings
- For Family in Buildings 115-117: By mailboxes
- For North Parkview Buildings 110-114: Under North Community Room Canopy Entry.
- For North Parkview Buildings 101-109: Under canopy between 101 and 102 Buildings.
- For Evergreen 118-135 Buildings: By mailboxes near 119,125, and 132 Buildings.

Please make sure you are securing the salt bucket lid after getting salt to avoid snow/water from getting inside.

Snow Removal Reminders

Do Not Pull Your Vehicle Over the Sidewalks!!!



Be prepared to move or have someone move your vehicle on snow days so all parking areas may be plowed properly. Residents shall be responsible to remove snow and ice from the immediate unit area, patios, porches and service walks to main sidewalk.

Please contact the office if you observe any icy sidewalks or lots that need attention. Ice melt is available for FREE in the office and the other locations listed above, you must bring your own container.

Many of you are not moving your vehicles for snow removal. In most cases, it is necessary for ALL vehicles to move from the lot. Be considerate to others in your area who make the effort to move.

Please be on the lookout for our snow removal trucks and tractors! Keep a safe distance from this equipment. The maintenance staff is concerned for your safety, as many people walk out in front of and behind them. With all the equipment on their vehicles, it makes it very difficult for them to see people behind their vehicles – especially children.

Free Tax Preparation –AARP Tax Program for 60 and older

AARP Foundation Volunteer Tax Program is designed for taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those age 60 and older. The program is run entirely by volunteers from February 7, 2023, through April 13, 2023. You must have all necessary paperwork at the time of appointment.

Appointments

can be scheduled beginning January 24, 2023, by calling the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 231-796-4848.

Free Tax Preparation- for all ages

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency is offering tax filing services. Please call 231-660-0271 to make an appointment. Virtual and in-person appointments are available.

Highrise Community Room Activities

- Euchre schedule is as follows: Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 5:00 p.m., and the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:00p.m.
- Bible Study on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
- Mexican Train on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.
- Bingo on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Uno on Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 1:00 p.m.

UPDATED: Community Room Rentals

The Evergreen and North Parkview Village Community Rooms are now available for rent by residents. The fee for a private event is \$20 plus a \$5 key deposit that is returned when the keys are turned in. Please contact the office if you are interested in reserving a community room for an event.

Reminder!

Wipes are not flushable! Even if the package claims they are sewer safe and flushable, they **ARE NOT**, and this eventually leads to clogged sewer lines. A charge will apply if wipes are found to be the cause of your sewer back up.

Maintenance Treatment for Bed Bugs

Residents will receive an additional notification. This is the tentative schedule for March 2023:

Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date	Apt #	Date
131B	3/8/23	132D	3/15/23	135E	3/29/23
131C	3/8/23	132E	3/15/23	135F	3/29/23
131D	3/8/23	133A	3/15/23	135G	3/29/23
131E	3/8/23	133B	3/15/23	10A	3/29/23
132A	3/8/23	133C	3/15/23	10B	3/29/23
132B	3/8/23	133D	3/15/23	10C	3/29/23
132C	3/8/23	133E	3/15/23	11A	3/29/23
134A	3/8/23	134D	3/15/23	11B	3/29/23
134B	3/8/23	134E	3/15/23	135C	3/29/23
134C	3/8/23	135A	3/15/23	135D	3/29/23
		135B	3/15/23		

Annual Inspections

Unit Inspections have been scheduled for all apartments in the senior section on the following dates:

Parkview South Senior (10-A – 31-C)	Monday, April 24, 2023
Parkview North Senior (101-A – 114-D)	Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Parkview Highrise (201 – 408)	Wednesday, April 26, 2023

If this time is not convenient for you, Friday, April 21, 2023, will be the alternate date. You must contact the office by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, to reschedule your inspection.

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. Included is a list of common deficiencies. 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.

BEFORE THE INSPECTION: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE IN QUARANTINE DUE TO COVID-19 EXPOSURE OR POSITIVE TEST. IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS: FEVER, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, SORE THROAT OR VOMITING/DIARRHEA.

When the staff enters your apartment for the inspection you **MUST** wear a mask, leave the apartment/be in a separate room, social distance and remain at least 6 feet from the staff at all times.

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.

Facebook Page

Did you know the Big Rapids Housing Commission has a facebook page? Like our page to keep up to date on current events and programs.

Local Resources

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

Project Starburst (231) 796-5342

Angels of Action (231) 629-8140

Salvation Army (231) 796-5597

Legal Aid (888) 783-8190



The Big Rapids Housing Commission would like to wish Beatrice Redmann a very happy 101st birthday!

Lost and Found-

A cell phone was turned into the office. If you believe it may be your phone, please contact the office.

