



## Meadow Park Apartments

**The management office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day.**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The Big Rapids Housing Commission Meeting is on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in the High Rise Conference Room.

**Rent is due on May 1, 2019. Late fees will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019.**

### **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.**

### **Illegal Drug Use**

Please be advised that Meadow Park Apartments prohibits loud music and the use of all illegal drugs, including marijuana, regardless if you have a medical marijuana card. **If you believe illegal drug activity is occurring, please contact the office at (231) 796-8689.**

### **Spring Reminders**

Please move patio furniture, tables, toys, etc. when you see the mowers around the complex. In addition, please remember to monitor your children at all times when they are on the playground and outside. Please prevent them from leaving items on the lawn, littering and writing with chalk on buildings. Also, remember to respect your neighbors' property and belongings.

### **Tornado Procedures**

\*Stay calm and alert.

\* It is important to know the differences between the different weather alerts.

\*When severe weather is forecasted, monitor the situation via radio, television, or weather alert radio.

\*When a tornado warning is issued, you and your visitors should remain in the building and shelter in place in the designated emergency shelter locations. \*After the all clear is given, call 911, if you or someone else is injured.

### **Cigarette Butt & Trash Disposal Reminder**

We have received several complaints that residents are tossing their cigarette butts on the ground. Not only is this a lease violation, but could also result in a ticket for littering from the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety. Please be considerate and dispose of cigarette butts properly. Also, make sure you are placing all your trash in the dumpster to avoid having trash scattered throughout the complex

## **Registration is Open for Big Rapids Community Garden at the corner of Second Avenue & Adams**

The Big Rapids Community Garden Club offers Big Rapids residents a space to garden and grow their own food. They provide raised garden beds that are rented for a small fee, along with support to help people to grow their own food. There is a garden located at the corner of Second Avenue and Adams Street, just down from the Housing Commission office. This is a great opportunity for Residents to rent a garden bed for a small fee to grow their own fresh food. Please contact Garden Manager, Lauren Tatum at (231) 580-3997.



## **Extermination Notice – Ants, spiders, etc. – May 15, 2019**

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Rose Pest Solutions will be spraying around the perimeter of EVERY building. In case of rain Wednesday, May 22, 2019 will be the make-up date. Please clean up the area around your unit and remove all lawn furniture, toys, plants, lawn ornaments, etc. from the outside perimeter of your apartment, (about 3ft. from the building). On Monday, May 13, 2019 we will be checking to make sure the areas around your apartment are clear and anyone in non-compliance will receive notice. Pets should not be outside during the application. The exterminator recommends having all windows shut during the application.

## **Bed Bug Prevention**

Bed bugs are hard to prevent because of their small size, night habits, and ability to hitchhike. Here are some prevention tips:

- Be on the lookout for signs of infestations such as: waking up with bites, seeing live bugs, dark red or black spots on bedding, carpets, walls and furniture. Finding bed bugs early is the key to preventing their spread.
- Inspect used furniture closely before bringing into your home. Look for signs of infestations in cushions, zippers, seams, and underneath including springs and frames. Use a magnifying glass if possible. Beware of items in alleys and dumpsters.
- If you have carpet, vacuum your home regularly. If you do have bed bugs, make sure you close the vacuum bag tightly and dispose of it outside your home.
- Take a look around mattresses and furniture when staying in a unfamiliar place. Bed bugs can hitch a ride home on your clothing or luggage.

